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# Bush Stepping Out Of Reagan Shadow

#### 👣 In His Appointments and Remarks, He Begins to Define His Presidency

By R.W. Apple Jr. WASHINGTON - Presidentelect George Bush has begun, through his appointments and his comments at news conferences, to draw some sharp distinctions between the administration that is

Mr. Bush has moved with such dispatch and with such seeming

ending and the one that is begin-

#### **NEWS ANALYSIS**

confidence, in fact, that it sometimes seems almost as if he is gov-erning, rather than preparing to

Although the constitution specifies that Ronald Reagan will remain president until Jan. 20, it was Mr. Bush, and not Mr. Reagan, who spoke out last week in an effort to calm world financial mar-

· What he has called "this marvel-ous Martin Van Buren transition" - a reference to the fact that he is the first sitting vice president since Van Buren in 1836 to be elected to succeed the president he served has been full of symbols of change, in addition to the more obvious

signs of continuity. More than in his campaign, Mr. Bush is making it plain as the transition period proceeds that he wants to benefit from the Reagan legacy without imitating Mr. Rea-

At his news conference on Wednesday, for example, the president-elect found a deft way to suggest that be would be in closer touch with hour-by-hour reports on world crises than Mr. Reagan has been. Mr. Bush said he would be a "shake me and wake me" president, happy to be awakened in the **East-West** 

He added that he would read the daily intelligence briefing "every morning," again suggesting with-out saying so that he would pay more attention to detail than his

In discussing the way he would work with Brent Scowcroft, whom he named this week as his national security adviser, Mr. Bush emphasized again that he meant to be in the thick of foreign policy discussions. "I will be one who takes a keen interest in these matters." he said, and be promised that he verge significantly from outside ex-would provide "direct access, day perts' figures on the military bal-And when Mr. Bush talked of the

#### Kiosk

#### **Pinochet Vows** To Go Quietly

SANTIAGO (AP) - General Augusto Pinochet con-firmed Friday on his 73d birthday that he would step down as scheduled following his electoral defeat, saying be would "go away quietly" when his presidency ends in March

General Pinochet lost an October referendum on extending his presidency eight more years, and is obliged to call open elections, planned for December next year.



Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel's Labor Party may enter new talks with Likud next week. Page 5.

#### General News

Fewer bases will be available around the world for U.S. use, but naval intervention may be more effective.

Tokyo and Seoul are seeking changes in their relationship with the United States. Page 2. Czechoslovskia has stepped up attacks on independent reli-Page 5.

#### Business/Finance The head of Fiat's auto divi-

sion, Vittorio Ghidella, is re-Qantas and BA made bids for Air New Zealand. Page 11.

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#### Central Intelligence Agency, he said approvingly that Mr. Scow-croft had ensured, when he held the security adviser's post under President Gerald Ford, that "the intelligence community stayed out of the

Under Mr. Reagan, the CIA was deeply involved in "the policy busi-ness," to Congress's great displea-

The very selection of Mr. Scow croft has overtones of change, because the retired air force general has talked openly and often about his differences with Mr. Reagan on arms control and strategy in gener-

Perhaps most significantly for policy under Mr. Bush is his adviser's view that a nuclear shield of the kind envisaged under Mr. Reagan's strategic defense initiative is a "technical impossibility."

No one could accuse Mr. Bush of kicking over the traces or of turning his back on the administration of which be has been a prominent part

After all, he is keeping Mr. Reagan's last attorney general, secre-tary of the Treasury and education secretary in their jobs, and he has chosen James A. Baker 3d, a key figure in the Reagan years as White House chief of staff and then as Treasury secretary, for secretary of state, the key foreign affairs posi-

But the vice president has also See BUSH, Page 5

Force Data

By Joseph Fitchett

NATO and the Warsaw Pact.

the Soviet Union's concentration

of armored forces in Eastern Eu-

rope. Western military authorities

fear that these forces could be used

to launch a surprise attack against

The Soviet Union has more than

half of all the weapons in Europe in

many categories, according to the

North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

tion document. This would mean

that the Soviet arsenals - for

tanks, armored cars and artillery -are larger than the combined forces in Europe of all 16 NATO coun-

tries and the Soviet Union's six

Charts and figures also showed

the small numbers of U.S. troops

deployed in Western Europe com-

pared with allied forces in their

own and neighboring countries or compared with Soviet troops in

The NATO secretary-general,

Manfred Worner, answered few

questions about the report refer-

ring reporters instead to the 32-

page document, "Conventional Forces in Europe: The Facts."

not seem to be related to the pres-

ence of nearly a dozen Soviet and

East European correspondents at the NATO headquarters. With

increased openness on military matters between East and West, 3

Warsaw Pact press contingent reg-

ularly reports on what Western of-

But Mr. Wörner had to keep in

mind the sensitivities among West-

ern governments that produced the

document, which marks the first

time that France has allowed its

forces to be counted. Until now

France, as part of its policy of inde-

pendence, has declined to be in-

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His reluctance to comment did

allies in the Warsaw Pact.

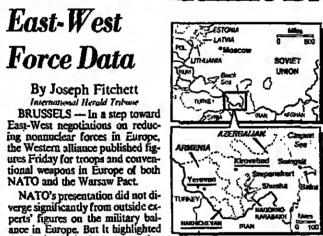
Eastern Europe.

West Germany.

## NATO Issues **Ethnic Bloodshed Spreads to Armenia**

BEIRUT BATTLES — Syrian soldiers patroiled the streets in Moslem West Beirut Friday as rival Shite militias clashed. A total

of 10 persons was reported killed in the first fighting in central Beirut since the Syrian Army was deployed there in February 1987.



Libyan Envoy

Calls on Rome

By Jennifer Parmelee

command of Colonel Moam-

mar Gadhafi, the Libyan lead-

er, has arrived in Italy on a

visit apparently calculated to

improve relations with the

Publicly, the official visit of Major Abdel Salam Jalloud,

which will be followed by a

private stay that includes an audience with the pope, will

focus on Libyan debts to Ital-

ian companies and on ways to increase the considerable

trade between the Mediterra-

But, as one ftalian business-

man with long dealings in Lib-

ya said: "I wouldn't say this

visit is strictly commercial. There's something much big-ger boiling here." He added that "Libya wants good rela-

tions with Western countries

and access to European mar-

The businessman, like most

of those interviewed, spoke on

condition of anonymity, re-flecting the delicate nature of

nean neighbors.

Washington Past Service ROME — The second in

By Michael Dobbs Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - The Soviet authorities extended a nighttime curfew to the Armenian capital, Yerevan, on Friday, and two more persons were reported to have been cilled in the latest ethnic clashes between Armenians and Azerbei-

Armenian officials said that an Armenian was killed when a group of Azerbaijanis attacked an Armetown of Goris near the Azerbaijani

They said that an Azerbaijani

cumstances in the town of Kalinino chev replied, "You know, it's part in northern Armenia.

Gorbachev, in his first public comment on the latest wave of ethnic unrest in the southern region, said Friday that his policies were allowing the people to give voice an old problem, Reuters reported.

The problem could only be can't resolve any problem without solved by cooperation, Mr. Gorbataking account of this factor, now-chev said, adding that leaders of that perestroika is gathering the rival Armenian and Azerbaijani speed."] communities were being invited to Moscow for talks. He was speaking work Antenne-2.

[Asked about the rioting in the had been killed in unknown cir- two Sovica republics, Mr. Gorba-

Courting West, Gadhafi Knocks on Europe's Door

[The Soviet president, Mikhail S. He said that his policies had "permitted the people to express their opinions on their well-being and on problems which have accumulated over the years." In the Soviet Union, he said, "with so many races, countries and languages we can't resolve any problem without taking account of this factor, now

The extension of the violence to Armenia marked a new twist in from Moscow in an interview with ethnic unrest that had so far largely the French state-run television net- been confined to Azerbaijan. A state of emergency had already

See UNREST, Page 5

# **Markets Decline** As OPEC Nears Accord to Lower **Output Levels**

Compiled in Our Staff From Disputches NEW YORK - U.S. financial markets were shaken Friday by reports that OPEC was near agree-

ment on lowering production.

Analysts said a new agreement could bolster oil prices and spur inflation in the industrial world. They were divided, however, on what the agreement would mean for the future of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Mike Rothman, an oil analyst with Merrill Lynch & Co., said an

OPEC accord could signal the start of a new phase in the cartel's 28-

year history.

If the pact is reached, he said, "OPEC will be able to focus on oil matters rather than the political complexities of the Gull War, which plagued decision making for

the past eight years."

Some analysts, however, said they doubted that a new OPEC accord would last, citing repeated violations of past production quo-tas by some members of the cartel.

Cyros Tahrnassebi, an economist with Ashland Oil Inc. said, "If they have an agreement, the market will take it as a good deal and prices will go up. But once the realities of the market hit, prices will come down again, and sharply."

The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age of the New York Stock Exchange fell 17.60 points to 2,074.68. The price of the U.S. Treasury 30year bond fell by three-quarters of a point, or the equivalent of \$7.50 for each \$1,000 in face value.

In an immediate reaction to the news from OPEC, the price of North Sea Brent crude rose a steep \$1.55 a barrel in London on Friday to \$14.60. Brent is the most widely traded international crude. West Texas Intermediate for

January delivery closed 11 cents higher at \$13.97 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In Vicana, where OPEC ministers have been meeting this week, the oil minister of Saudi Arabia. Hisham Nazer, said he believed the group would sign an output agree-

ment on Saturday. On Thursday, Iran's oil minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh, gave the upward impetus to prices by saying that the 13 members of the cartel

Tehran, Too,

**Inches Open** 

PARIS - For the first time

since Ayatollah Ruhollah

Khomeini took power in Iran in 1979, a foreign minister of

France will meet with officials

in Tehran on a trip that is to

take place next year, the gov-ernment announced Friday.

Dumas will travel to Tehran at

an unspecified date next year,

a Foreign Ministry spokesman

said, confirming a report car-ried Thursday by the official

A French parliamentary

delegation, accompanied by French businessmen, visited

Tehran earlier this month and

met with officials from the

Foreign Ministry and the

The West German foreign

minister, Hans-Dietrich

Genscher, is to leave Sunday

for a two-day visit to Iran, and will meet with Iranian govern-

ment and industry officials.

Diplomats in Bonn said he had offered to serve as an in-

termediary in gaining the re-lease of Western hostages held

by pro-Iranian radicals in Bei-

prime minister's office.

Iranian press agency.

Foreign Minister Roland

production at 18.5 million barrels a day in the first half of next year. Mr. Aqazadeh, who left Vienna on Friday for Iran to discuss the proposal with his government, said that 11 other OPEC members had

to Iraq.

He indicated that he would return for the next plenary session of

the cartel, which is expected to to be held on Saturday. In addition to the OPEC devel-opments, other factors disturbed U.S. financial markets Friday: the widening of Britain's current account deficit and worries about the persistently weak dollar.

The package would cut OPEC output by about 20 percent to 18.5 million barrels a day for six months starting Jan. 1, while assigning Iraq

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# Trade Gap In Britain At Record

By Warren Getler

International Herald Tribune
LONDON — Britain reported Friday its worst monthly trade figures ever, prompting a one-point rise in interest rates to 13 percent and raising inflation fears that sent the stock market reeling to a sharp

The quadrupling of Britain's cur-rent account deficit in October to £2.43 billion (\$4.47 hillion) fueled concern that further rate increases would be needed to keep consumer spending in check and quash surg-ing demand for imports.

The deficit in the current account, which measures trade in merchandise and services as well as some transfers, had been £549 million in September, according to re-

The FT-100 London Stock Ex change index plunged 38.3 points Friday to end at 1,794.7. Investors were frightened by the effect on

industry of rising financing costs caused by higher rates. The pound fell on the news of the wider deficit, but rebounded when

interest rates rose. Economists and traders had been expecting an October current account deficit of £1.2 billion, balf

the amount reported by the De-partment of Trade and Industry. Friday's report intensified doubts about the handling of the economy by Nigel Lawson, chan-cellor of the Exchequer, who, some economists and politicians say, had maintained a lax credit policy for too long and had creed in implementing major income tax cuts

during a period of robust demand. What lies ahead, they said, is crisis management of the economy, with interest rates - already at their highest level since early 1985 - the only available instrument to combat inflation.

Paul Davis, an economist with the London brokerage Phillips & Drew, said that as a result of Britain's rapid economic growth of about 5 percent a year, "we have both higher inflation and higher trade deficits."

Since last spring, he said, "We have seen no firm evidence so far of Mr. Lawson's promise of a slowdown," despite a steadily rising inhighest since March 1985.

Mr. Davis said growth of domestic demand in Britain was running at 9 percent, double the rate among Western industrial countries.

"Consumption hasn't appeared to be that interest-rate sensitive." David Smith, economist at William de Broe Hill Chaplin & Co., was quoted as saying by The Associated

The government has ruled out See TRADE, Page 15

Major Abdel Salam Jalloud, right, with Foreign Minister Gulio Andreotti in Rome on Friday.

# See LIBYA, Page 2

Shopping at the Soviet Mall, Down the Road From the Khyber Pass

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

BARA BAZAAR, Pakistan - Want a new Soviet refrigerator? Not pretty, but it's cheap. Or a mice new Soviet TV for one-sixth the price of a Japanese model? Or enough Russian cloth to make your next suit for \$4.95? A samovar, may-

Bara Bazaar is a shopping center that has become a kind of frontier showroom for Soviet consumer goods and an ad hoc Pakistani economic institution, spreading along an otherwise featureless stretch of road between the city of Peshawar and the Khyber Pass at the Afghan

The bazaar rises incongruously, sharing a desert terrain with Afghan refugee settlements. It grows and grows, looking more like a suburban shopping mall in somebody else's world into

which people in veils and turbans have wan-

Bara Bazaar lacks the extravagant decadence and disarray of Landikotal, a little farther along the same road, closer to the Afghan border, where rifles and drugs shared the vendors' carts with oranges and apples in the days when the hippie trail passed this way. Bara Bazaar has a

more serious-minded air. How the Soviet goods get here is a story that has many versions.

A refrigerator salesman said his wares, new models with that unmistakable 1950s look, came on a train from Moscow to Kabul, then by truck to the border. There, all manner of small, animal-powered

vehicles or light pickups collected the goods and brought them to Bara Bazaar. Another trader, implying that some of his another question.

wares might be considered "liberated," in the guerrilla parlance of the border region, said he Bazzar. and other traders just went over into Afghanistan to buy them from the forces battling the Sovietbacked government in Kabul.

Where the guerillas got them was their business. What happens to the usual formalities like customs and excise is not normally discussed.

Some people who shop here believe Moscow consciously deposits goods to test-market them in Pakistan, and maybe create a little good will in the process among people who can finally cease sweltering because a Soviet air-conditioner is the first to fall into their price range.

A new dress for a little girl will not break the family budget here, but whether it will change an anti-Soviet Afghanistan policy in Islamabad is

But that is only part of the story of Bara

Far cutnumbering the Soviet products are imports of luxury goods from more design-conscious places, which wend their way here through all kinds of samegglers' routes.

"Made in Japan for Kabul via U.S.S.R.," one

carton reads, intriguingly, in English. In row after row of concrete shops with glass windows, people who live in mud houses in one of the poorest parts of Pakistan are offered chiming doorbells, food processors, French glassware, Japanese thermos jugs in the shape of eagles, American soaps and shampoos (highly prized in Asia), European perfumes, cosmetics of unknown parentage, unbreakable dinner services for 12, calculators, down jackets, and imported

Around the edges, food sellers and vendors too

poor to take shop space ply their more modest trades, selling snacks, trinkets, and magazines. Bara Bazzar and shops in Peshawar, 15 kilouneters (10 miles) or so to the east are not there to

serve a local clientele. Some of the luxury goods are carted away in trucks for sale all over the country, passing through territory where the police are known not

to be averse to augmenting their small earnings by turning a blind eye to contraband cargo. Other shoppers are drawn from the large number of foreigners who have changed the face of Peshawar in the last decade.

There are at least 1,500 of them —Americans, Europeans, Saudis, Kuwaitis, and others—connected to the relief organizations serving 3.3 million Afghan refugees in the border area. This concentration of Afghans is the world's

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# U.S. Asian Allies Seek Respect

# Tokyo and Seoul Want Recognition for Economic Clout

By Susan Chira New York Times Service

TOKYO - When Presidentelect George Bush looks across the Pacific to Japan and South Korea, he will find his two staunchest Asian allies with new ideas about their role in the world and new questions about their traditional

relationship with the United States. Both nations have pledged no changes in their close alliance with the United States, and both were openly relieved that Mr. Bush won the election because they see him as representing continuity in policy

and moderation on trade issues. But the new president can also expect his allies to be somewhat less pliant than in the past.
While their circumstances differ,

Japan and South Korea want, fundamentally, similar things from the new administration: less pressure on trade, and a respect commensurate with their new economie sta-

Japan wants the United States to trim its budget deficit to prevent an erosion of American economie power that would provoke protec-tionism and increase calls that Japan pay more for its defense. And, Japan is pushing for a larger global role now that it has be-

come an economic superpower.
In South Korea, Washington
must contend with growing nationalism and a more open political system that makes it easier for Koreans to protest both American trade pressures and the overwhelm-

ing American military, diplomatic, and cultural presence in Seoul. But Mr. Bush's immediate chailenge from Japan is a call to reduce the budget deficit - and a widespread skepticism that he can do so

without resorting to tax increases.

The majority of Japanese would like to see Mr. Bush take a much more serious look at the twin deficits," said Tadashi Yamamoto, president of the Japan Center for

International Exchange.

"And I think we're bracing ourselves for what will be the inevitahie consequence of neglect on that issue: more pressure about the trade deficit and defense burdensharing. That's why we are terribly concerned about Mr. Bush's determination oot to raise taxes."

One sign of this concern has been the steep fall in the value of the dollar against the yen in recent days, marking its lowest level in 40

While Japanese companies are more confident now that they can survive a strong yen, a weaker dollar may discourage Japanese in-vestment in the United States, and in turn belp to drive up interest

Chemical War Alert in Israel The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — About 20,000 children in 36 schools practiced chemical warfare defenses Thursday in Israel's largest exercise of

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and the influence Japan can exert on the American economy are the most dramatic signs of fundamental shifts in power between the United States and Japan, ones that will present new challenges for the new president.

One sensitive issue will be American calls for Japan to spend more on defense — calls that some Japanese interpret as a troubling sign of the new limits on American re-

Japan and Korea want similar things from the new administration: less pressure on trade, and a respect commensurate with their new economic status.

Although Mr. Bush's camp did not focus on "burden-sharing, Japanese expect such pressure from the oew administration — and particularly from the Democratic Con-

Japanese officials point out that they have increased military spend-ing as a percentage of their gross national product, raised their contribution to the upkeep of the 60,000 American troops stationed in Japan, and agreed to expanded patrols of their sea lanes.

Japanese officials and intellectuals fear that excessive pressure could lead to a military buildup, which would frighteo Japao's Asian neighbors and encourage rightist groups that will try to exploit Japan's growing pride and confidence by pushing for the country to become a military power

And many say that the new administration in Washington should be sensitive to the probable swell of nationalism that will follow the death of Emperor Hirohito.

"People in general will be very emotional," said Kımiko İnoguchi, an associate professor of political science at Sophia University in To-"It would not be very wise for the

United States to hint at that time that Japan could become a military power again." These are extreme possibilities,

and anti-military sentiment still runs strong here, In general, Mr. Bush will find the Japanese more willing than before to assume the responsibilities of an

economic superpower. must also be willing to allow Japan ism."

This economic interdependence a greater say in decision-making, particularly in economie issues. Japanese are also hoping the new administration will be willing to change the way the two nations

handle trade disputes Although the trade front is calm now, new tensions seem likely over semiconductor and supercomputer

trade, among others.
In Japan, the United States can draw on a deep reservoir of good will toward Americans. But in South Korea, new signs of anti-Americanism, nationalism,

and domestic political change are straining what is still a close alli-Most South Koreans applaud the Washingtoo's support of Presi-dent Roh Tae Won's diplomatic overtures to North Korea, and few

back student calls to withdraw American troops from South Ko-rea. But these days, the divisive issues seem to predominate. South Koreans expect Mr. Bush's administration and the Congress in use the new trade bill

to force open their markets. And they predict more protests from students and farmers who became outraged when South Korea agreed to drop quotas on beef and cigarettes. From the point of view of the general public and particu-larly of the students and farmers, there have been unilateral concessions to the United States," said Kim Chul Su, the South Korean assistant minister for trade.

The tensions over trade are just one sign of a nationalistic mood more sensitive to what Koreans see American incursions on South Korean sovereignty.
South Korea's extraordinary

economic growth and its success in being host of the Olympics are prompting a re-evaluation of its standing in the world, and a grow-ing resentment of its junior status in the relationship with the United

Increasingly, South Koreans are chafing at the presence of a U.S. military base in the heart of Seoul, the American armed forces television network's ability to broadcast into most Korean homes, and the "combined command" military structure. The structure means that the bead of the United States military in Korea has precedence over the bead of the Korean armed forces if North Korea were to invade the South.

Although the government is heeding American calls to contribute more to the costs of keeping 42,000 American troops in South Korea, many South Koreans believe that Americans do oot give them enough credit for spending 6 percent of their GNP on defense, compared to Japan's 1 percent.

Koreans want to be more respected by the United States, and we want the United States to be But many Japanese agree that if more sensitive to the feelings of the United States continues to ordinary Koreans," said Choi Yoon, a ruling party lawon defense and foreign aid so that it maker. There is a growing sense of facts surrounding the often brutal



Protesters demanding the arrest of former President Chun Doo Hwan aimed rocks and firebombs at the police Friday during a two-hour clash in Seoul. At least three were arrested, witnesses said.

# Aides to South Korean President Say He Will Propose a Pardon for Chun

SEOUL - Aides to President Roh Tae Woo said Friday that he would appear on national television Saturday to propose that his predecessor, Chun Doo Hwan, receive a presidential pardon, but public attitudes toward to the former president appeared to be hard-

The opposition leader Kim Dae Jung called Friday for a special prosecutor to investigate abuses of power by Mr. Chun, and a public-opinioo survey showed that most Koreans believed that Mr. Chun should be forced to testify in the National Assembly about corruption and abuses of power he admit-

ted to Wednesday.
Two days after Mr. Chun apologized for his authoritarian rule and went into self-imposed internal exile, Mr. Kim said that a special opponeois.

Mr. Roh, in addition to pardoning the former president, was prepared 10 accelerate the pace of democratie changes, release more political prisoners and compensate victims who were dismissed from their jobs for their political views after Mr. Chun came to power,

Meanwhile, students demanding Mr. Chun's arrest clashed Friday with the police in Seoul.

They buried rocks and firebombs at the police in a two-hour demonstration at Toogkook University. At least three students were arrest-ed, witnesses said. There were inju-ries oo both sides. The oumber of njured could oot be determined.

Dissidents called for a mass anti-Chun rally Saturday in Scoul.

Opposition leaders have not dehave tacitly agreed to a govern- produced.

ment-brokered political solution. but Mr. Chun's apology apparently did not satisfy them.

In a poll released Friday by the state-run Korea Broadcasting Sys-tem, nearly 74 percent of those who responded said they believed that Mr. Chun should be forced to tesify before the National Assembly.

Fifty-one percent said they did not believe Mr. Chun's statement that he never diverted money abroad and 45.7 percent said they did not believe that he revealed all his wealth in his speech Wednes-day. Mr. Chun said that he was giving all of his personal wealth, which he put at \$3,3 million, and \$20 million in surplus political funds to the state.

Nearly 39 percent said that Mr. Chun should be prosecuted and then receive amnesty, 30.4 percent opposed the idea and 17.6 percent is a member of the same party to said he should be investigated and can spend less, the United States national confidence and national- way Mr. Chun had dealt with his which Mr. Rob belongs. Thus they charged if evidence of his guilt was

Israeli Army

Jails Troops

Over Attack

JERUSALEM — Twenty-one Israeli paratroopers were jailed on

Friday for rampaging through a

West Bank refugee camp to avenge an attack by Palestinians in which a

An army spokesman said that 18 soldiers had received two-week

sentences and that three others in-

directly involved in the incident

earlier this week had been sentenced to seven days in jail.

The platoon commander had al-

ready been given a two-week sen-

tence and transferred to another

post. The company commander was reprimanded, the spokesman

The soldiers admitted in military court on Thursday that they had

broken windows and damaged ve-

hicles and other property in the

Kalandia camp near Jerusalem af-ter Palestinian residents stoned

"They were provoked but they took the law into their own hands."

ate within the law, and the army

In another development Friday,

Israel restored the accreditation of

two Reuters correspondents whose

press cards were suspended last

mooth over an article about under-

cover army units in the occupied

turned the cards to Paul Taylor and

They had been accused of violat-

ing Israeli military censorship laws

with the article, which said that an

in the occupied territories.

West Bank and Gaza Strip.

their bus.

their own hands."

soldier was injured.

# WORLD BRIEFS

## Israel Raids Bases in South Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli planes Friday attacked two bases operated by Palestinian guerrillas and Lebanese militiamen near this southern port city, and police said five persons were killed and 15.

The Israeli Army confirmed the raid, saying its planes destroyed a large minuntion depot before returning safely to base.

Sidon police said that at least four jet fighters took turns rocketing the

bases on the ciry's northeastern edge in two attacks five minutes apart. He said the installations belonged to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by Georges Habash, and the Popular Nasserite Organization, a predominantly Sunni Moslem Lebanese militia.

## U.K. Welcomes Soviet Rights Parley

LONDON (AP) — The foreign secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, said Friday that the Soviet Union's proposal to hold a human rights conference in Moscow could now be taken seriously, provided the gathering is not "a propaganda exercise."

Speaking in Parliament, be recalled that when the Soviets first pro-osed that the conference "be held in Moscow of all places, the reaction of Western delegations was one of sheer disbelief."

But he said "the Soviet human rights record has improved," and added, "It is now possible to begin to take the Soviet proposal seriously." He warred, however, that "we are not prepared to take part in a propaganda

#### Indian Arms Deal Sparks New Furor

NEW DELHI (UPI) — New allegations that Bofors Co. of Sweden: paid bribes to win a \$1.3 billion arms contract with India created a furor; in the Indian Parliament oo Friday.

Angry legislators said documents published in The Hindu newspaper proved that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Defense Minister K.C. Pant and other senior officials had misinformed the public about the deal.

Opposition politicians called for the creation of a parliamentary committee to launch another inquiry into the affair. Mr. Gandhi has maintained that oo bribes were paid and that the matter has been fully explored by previous parlimentary committees.

#### U.S. Envoy Sees Bhutto in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Reuters) - The U.S. ambassador, Robert B. ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Renters) — The U.S. ambassador, Robert B. Oakley, met Friday with the Pakistani opposition leader, Benazir Bhutto, bolstering impressions that she will be the next prime minister.

Mr. Oakley was the second ambassador to call on Miss Bhutto. Tian Ding of China met her Thursday. On Friday, Mr. Oakley spent more than an hour at the Islamabad house where Miss Bhutto is staying.

Political analysts said Miss Bhutto's nomination as prime minister.

looked more likely after Mr. Oakley's visit. "It seems that the green light has been given," a leading commentator remarked outside the house. Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party won 45 percent of the seats in the elections Nov.16.

#### Indonesians to Build Mekong Bridge

VIENTIANE, Laos (AFP) — The prime ministers of Laos and Thailand signed a communiqué Friday in Vientiane agrecing to build a bridge over the Mekong River, which marks the border between the two countries, a government spokesman said.

The bridge would be at a ferry site 30 kilometers (18 miles) east of . Vientiane, sources said. The Communist government in Vientiane also; pledged to increase the voluntary repatriation of about 80,000 Laotian refugees in Thailand, said the spokesman, Sone Khamvanevongsa.

Prime Minister Kaysone Phomvihane and the Thai prime minister,

Chatichai Choonhavan, signed a communique Friday covering the bridge, economic cooperation, and bilateral dispotes. The visit is the first by a Thai head of government since 1975, when Communist forces came to power in Indochina.

#### For the Record

The Palestine Liberation Organization applied to the U.S. consulate in Tunis on Friday for a visa that would allow its chairman, Yasser Arafat, to enter the United States to address the UN General Assembly. (AP) Irish gunnen apparently after a Sinn Fein councilman shot and killed his brother instead, the police in Northern Ireland said. Phelim McNally, 28, was slain Thursday night in the home of his brother, local Sein Fein councilman Francis McNally, Sinn Fein is the legal political wing of the Irish Republican Army.

### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### KLM Joins Rival Computer Network:

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) — KLM, the Royal Dutch Airlines and a founder of Europe's Galileo computerized booking system, said Friday.it, planned to exchange flight information with the rival Amadeus network, a possible step toward merger with them.

The Dutch flag carrier said this could lead to a single European-booking system. Both the Galileo and Amadeus systems allow travel.

agents to see on screens at a key stroke which flights are available to any destination and enable them to book a seat immediately.

Earlier attempts to form a joint venture between the two systems have broken down. KLM joined the Galileo Distribution Systems network initiated by Swissair in 1987. It also links British Airways, Belgium's, Sabena and Alitalia in Europe.

The flying elephant logo of Nigeria Airways is to be replaced next month by a soaring eagle superimposed on the letter N. (Reuters).

Sandi Arabia will open a direct dial telephone service to Czechoslovakia;

Bulgaria and Hungary beginning Monday. (Reuters).

First-class passengers on some Qantas flights will be able to watch movies on mini-screens attached to their seats, a spokesman for the

Australian airline said Friday. He said seven-centimeter (nearly threeinch) wide videos had been fitted to 26 first class seats on one of the Dense freezing fog in Britain on Friday resulted in the deaths of two persons, injuries to 40, the burning of eight vehicles and the blocking of several highways, the police said. The Automobile Association said motorists who ignored warnings to slow down caused many of the accidents.

# LIBYA: Gadhafi Courts Europe

public comment in Italy.

Arturo Oliveri, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita, who invited Mr. Jalloud, said the visit entailed "a renewing of a dialogue with the Libyans."

the army spokesman said. "The army views this very seriously be-cause it is a breach in discipline." Another government official said, "By having this high-level meeting, we want to underline that Gadhafi has shown some signs of Referring to the Israel Defense Forces, he said, The role of the IDF is to maintain order and oper-

reasonableness lately." Asked about the U.S. govern-ment's drive to isolate Colonel

will not agree to any soldier or anyone else taking the law into Gadhafi, the official responded, "Cutting of relations altogether has seldom paid off." Colonel Gadhafi is reportedly eager to shake off his image as a

financial supporter of terrorism. His decision to send Mr. Jalloud to Rome follows recent steps aimed at decreasing Libya's isolation af-ter the United States bombed Lib-The director of the government ya in April 1986. press office, Yoram Ettinger, re-

The Libyan leader began by improving relations with his North African neighbors, restoring diplo-matie links with Chad after their long war and strengthening economic and political ties with Algeria and Tunisia. Tensions also have eased somewhat between Libya

undercover squad had been in-volved in the killing of wanted leaders of the Palestinian uprising and its eastern neighbor, Egypt. With Libyan borders reasonably secure, Colonel Gadhafi looked At least 325 Arabs and 11 Jews toward Europe. Italy, the former colonial ruler, was the logical place

to start. The relationship between Italy and Libya has thawed since the aftermath of the U.S. attack, when

the visit, which has received little sa, stirring a restrained but angry response from Italy and prompting the departure of thousands of Italians from Libya.

Since then, diplomatic problems, have surfaced periodically. A year-ago, Colonel Gadhafi claimed that the Italian Tremiti island group. rightfully belonged to his country and recently compared Italian co-

lonialist rulers to "pigs."
Mr. Jalloud originally was scheduled to visit Italy on Oct. 26, but Colonel Gadbafi abruptly announced a national day of mourning for the victims of Italian colonialism for the same date and shur the airports.

Yet, Mr. Jalloud's mission on the first high-level Libyan visit to Rome in three and a half years is considered a positive sign. He knows many Italian leaders, and while outwardly devoted to Colonel Gadhaff's revolution, be is generally considered pragmatic.

Mr. Jalloud, accompanied by the Libyan ministers of finance and foreign affairs, met Thursday with Mr. De Mita, Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti and Trade Minis-

ter Renato Ruggiero.
[The Italian Foreign Ministry.
Friday seported that Mr. Jalloud said Libya will attend an international conference in Paris in Janua ary to reinforce a treaty banning the use of chemical weapons, Reuters reported from Rome.]

■ Libya Bars Egyptian Ties Libya on Friday ruled ont restor. ing diplomatic relations with Egypt Libya fired two missiles across the as long as Egypt has ties with Mediterranean that fell just short Israel, Reuters reported.

# Thais Find Bodies and Put Toll at 220

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher
BANGKOK — The death toll
from flooding in Thailand grew Friday to more than 220 as rescue INJUSTIDERF
International Reptist Church. English S.S.
10:00, worship 11:05. Children's church our
mursery. Meets of the international School
Leuchtenburger (Srchweg 2, D.Kaiserswerth,
Friendly followship. All denominations welworkers pulled more bodies from mountain villages buried under

logs and mud, officials said. Hundreds of people are missing and believed drowned or buried beneath mud slides that struck several villages in Thailand's southern province of Nakhon Sri Tham-

GENEVA INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF GENEVA, English speaking Sunday service 12:00 noon at Chapelle das Buis, 3 nue Amat. Rev. Grag Fitch, P.O. Box 2447, CM-1211 Geneva 2. (022) 32 08 67 Officials said the tragedy was worsened because of widespr illegal logging that stripped the hills above stricken villages, causve's International Pentecastal church, 20 Ave. Emest-Pictet. Enjoy a warm atnosphare of joytul, spiritifiled worship in English. 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tel.: 447070 or 988580. ing greater run-off from torrential

The flooding was the worst oatural calamity in Thailand in at least 50 years, officials said. It damaged a far greater area than a tidal wave did when it killed hundreds of people in a coastal village of Nakorn Srithammarat in 1962.

HAMBURG meets at Ev. Freikirchliche Gemeinde Christuskirche, Suther Str. 18, Hamburg-Atona, Bible Study I p.m. + War-ship 2 p.m. Tel.: (0) 41 01-207933. The Interior Ministry said at least 70,000 people in 12 southern TRINITY BAPTIST S.S. 9:30, Worship 10:30, provinces were left homeless, while extensive damage was reported to roads, hridges, rail lines and agricultural land.

Torrential rains to southeast Welcome to English specking INTERNA-TIONAL CHURCH OF EVANGELICALS in Louvein (ICEL), Workship Service: Every Sun-day 10,30 c.m., 40, Namme Strant, Leuven. Asia from Saturday to Wednesday also were blamed for the deaths of dozens of people in Malaysia and Indonesia. Flood waters washed out roads, cut off rail service and IMPRICATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH, English speaking S.S. 11-45, worship 12-45, rursery, child. ch. provided. Holzstra 9. Evening service 7:00. Coll Rev. Paul, Box 089-690-8534. destroyed crops, the authorities

In Malaysia, officials said the death toll rose to 27 Friday, with about 47,000 people remaining in evacuation centers as six days of rain ceased and floodwaters began to recede. Fourteen of the deaths occurred in the worst hit state.

meets Sunday, Nov. 27 of 11 a.m. Phones (089) 690-2036. northeastern Keiantan. A spokesman of the Meteoro logical Department in Kuala Lumour, the Malaysian capital, said the glicon). Sun. 9 & 11 a.m. Sunday School for children and numery care at 11 a.m. 23 ave. George V, Paris 8. Tel.: 47 20 17 92. Metro storms, part of the annual Asian winter monsoon season that lasts from November to March, were among the worst this decade,

Thousands of foreign tourists were stranded io airports and ho-tels on both of Thailand's coasts, but the only foreigners reported killed were two Malaysians who were swept away by a flash flood near the Thai-Malaysian border.

The English-language newspa per The Nation reported that three days of flash floods in the tourist city of Hat Yai left many businesses closed and hundreds of Malaysian and other tourists stranded in

Colonel Banehon Chavaosil, pokesman for Thailand's southern-based 4th Army, said waves of mud and logs, loosened by the rain, rushed down mountainsides in at

least two places in Nakorn Srith-ammarat Province, about 360 miles (580 kilometers) south of Bangkok. Colonel Banchon said 133 bodies have been recovered in the province, most of them from mountain villages in the Phibul and Lansaka

Rescuers said about 400 more people were believed missing. Colonel Banchon said more than 1,000 soldiers were assisting civilian authorities in rescue opera-

Parliament from Nakorn Sritham-marat who visited the mudslide areas, said illegal loggers had cur down buge stands of forest that might have slowed rain run-off and

left the logs on the hills to dry.

"The picture of thousands of illegal logs that came with flash floods smashing through villages, houses and bridges shows that what was behind this great damage is the average illegal logging in the

(242,000 hectares) acres of orchards and rice fields destroyed, 1.007 shrimp farms wiped out, 2,200 houses swept away, and at feast 288 bridges seriously dam-

Deputy Interior Minister Trairong Suwankhiri, who inspected some of the worst-hit provinces,

# extensive illegal logging in the said damage would exceed \$400 million.

# Chinese Plan to Sterilize Retarded

BELIING - A Chinese province has barred mentally retarded people from having children and ordered the sterilization of retarded people who are married, and an official at the Ministry of Public Health said Friday that it was drafting a law that would

extend the ban nationwide. The law, approved Wednes-day by the People's Congress of the western province of Gansu, is the first legislation of its kind to be passed in China, according to the Communist Party paper, the

People's Daily. fi said the law would play "an important role in reducing the number of retarded and in increasing the quality of the population

The law forbids retarded citizens to get married without first undergoing sterilization and re-quires those who are married to have such an operation. It also requires that abortions be performed on severely retard-

ed women who are pregnant, said Xiao Shuzi, legal director for the standing committee of the

congress. The abortion require-

ment would affect "fewer than

the New York-based Americas

Watch said that from Jan. 1 to

100" women, he said.

"Anyone responsible for al-lowing mentally retarded people to give birth will be fined and subject to administrative disci-pline," the People's Daily said. The mentally retarded lack pro-ductive capability and live on relief funds and grain. They are a

great burden to society."
An official in the Ministry of
Public Health's Department for Women and Children said draft work has been in progress for several years on a nationwide ban. No date has been set for nission to the National People's Congress, which must approve all national legislation. The official, who refused to give her name, said the proposed national law would affect people

who are mentally retarded because of hereditary factors, and not those impaired by accidents. China has no figures on the percentage of retarded people nationwide, but a recent survey of children under 14 indicated 1.07 percent were retarded. The People's Daily said more

than 270,000 people, or about 1.3

percent of Gansu's population,

A report on Gansu radio in

July, when the sterilization law

are mentally retarded.

tion. Some congress delegates suggested the government ex-periment with such restrictions on a limited basis. The People's Daily, which did not mention any dispute, said the law would "raise the quality of the population" in Gansu and

was proposed, said there was heated argument over the legisla-

help the arid mountain region shed its traditional poverty. Although China has used mass sterilizations and a one-childper-family policy to keep its pop-ulation down, the Gansu law is the first measure designed to alter the nature of the population through control of hereditary factors in reproduction. Mr. Xiao said the law would apply only to those considered

"severely retarded" - about 10 percent of the 270,000 Gansu people diagnosed as suffering from some level of mental illness. In 1979, a "one-couple, onechild" policy was introduced as a way of keeping China's popula-tion from rising above 1.2 billion through the year 2000. Experts said that at its current rate, China's population will exceed the government's target by more than 80 million. (AP, UPI)

(AP, UPI)

at the hands of government military and security forces.

The figures indicate a rate of killing considerably lower than that

indicated a significant increase in died in politically related assassinations in Guaternals, most of them disappearances and killings attrib-at the hands of government mili-utable to government forces in previous years."

minimum of 172 people in Guate-mala had been killed or had disappeared at the hands of government agents between January 1986 and Sept. 30, at least 621 people had that the current "available statistics October 1987.

# Rights Group Says Guatemala Abuses Rise

MIAMI — Guatemalan government forces have been responsible for a serious increase in human rights abuses, including "hundreds of political killings, disappearances and attempted assassinations" since the start of 1988, according in a leading rights organization. In a report to be released Friday,

attributed to the government during the 20-year period ending in 1986. An estimated 100,000 Guatemalans were killed and 38,000 "disappeared" during the period. However, Americas Watch said

1987-1988 compared with the two For instance, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights reported at the end of 1987 that a

have died in the 11-month uprising. The authorities have also returned the press card of a correspondent of the Financial Times; Andrew Whitley, who had reported earlier for the London daily on the activities of the special units.

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# Los Angeles Drug Gangs Run National Network

By William Robbins

OMAHA, Nebraska — Two California gangs, fanning out along the interstate high-way system, are spreading a sophisticated pattern of violence and drug-dealing across the United States.

Federal and local low-enforcement officials say the gangs have reached as far east as the Baltimore-Washington area, staking out claims along the way in midsize cities such as

The gangs, the Bloods and the Crips, have abandoned some of the flamboyant hallmarks of their West Coast dealings; they no longer come to town wearing their "colors," a blue bandanna, perhaps, for a Crip or something red for a Blood

Instead, law-enforcement officials say, their tactics mimic entrepreneurial enter-prises: They quietly establish a distribution network in markets deemed favorable for the sale of the glut of cocaine and the derivative known as crack that has depressed prices and profits in their own area.

"If you look at a map, you can see the pattern across Middle America," said Michael Shanahan, supervisor of the organized crime unit of the FBI's Kansas City office. "Just look at the major cities linked together by the interstates and chances are they are there. As they moved out from the home base, each one became a last outpost."

"It's wild," said Sergeant Robert Jackson of the Los Angeles Police Department.
"I would say there are only a few states they haven't reached yet. And the number of places could be in the hundreds."

DALLAS - Researchers here announced Fri-

day they had developed a drug capable in laboratory experiments of killing cells infected by the AIDS virus while leaving healthy cells unaffected.

The drug used in the experiments at the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center combined

a synthetic protein — recombinant CD4 — with a

plant toxin known as ricin. The protein delivered

virus, researchers reported, the CD4-ricin combi-

nation binds to the cell surfaces and the ricin then

kills the cell, thus eliminating a source of the virus.

laboratory development, like other incremental

advances in AIDS research, was far from being

ready for clinical application and, at best, might

offer a new treatment rather than a cure.

A report on the study was published Friday in

Science, the journal of the American Association

Dr. Jonathan W. Uhr, chairman of the depart-

ment of microbiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, one of the

project's principal investigators, predicted that it would be a year before the drug, still in the test-

Laboratory animals cannot be used for AIDS

should he speaking out against the ment that was up for review be-atrocities rather than preserving its tween the two countries could also

The State Department contends World Bank and International

that it is doing the best it can in Monetary Fund, on which Sudan

and the complexities of a civil war pitting the governing Moslems in the north against the Christian and staff member on the House Human

as a weapon against millions of and nongovernmental relief agency civilians, but opinious differ on heads the four who went to Sudan

Roger Winter, director of the Sudanese government effort to rivately financed U.S. Committee "depopulate" the south, where a

For Refugees, said he had urged civil war has been going on with a the State Department to take a rebel group, the Sudan People's

stronger stand with the Khartoum Liberation Army, since 1983. The

ment issued a statement saying that "a major human catastrophe" was unfolding in Sudan. "The world is from their homes. About 350,000

iertive was to get a huge relief ef- only by roots and insects until they

fort under way. But it added, reach camps around Khartoum, the

"We're dealing with a very complex capital.

World Vision, a Californiament that has serious problems co-based Christian relief agency that

ordinating its activities and exert- operated in Sudan for 16 years un-

ing authority beyond Khartoum." til its expulsion in February, esti-

bers who were in Sudan said that ished this year from bunger and

the U.S. government could take ac- war in Africa's largest country.

The congressional staff mem- mates that 300,000 children per-

He said that "a high profile U.S. opment in the south, political au-

ties to the Sudanese government, be used to exert pressure.

dealing with an ineffectual and relies for substantial loans.

according to congressional and re-

stubborn government in Khartoum

Both the State Department and

relief officials agree that the gov-

erroneut and the rebels are using

available supplies of donated food

privately financed U.S. Committee

wimessing famine that is the result

not of nature but of endemic civil

The department said its main ob-

artimist minority in the south.

how best to handle the crisis.

deadership role" was essential.

for the Advancement of Science.

tube stage, could be tested on humans.

However, the researchers cautioned that the new

When exposed to cells infected with the AIDS

the toxin to infected cells, the center said.

At the Washington headquarters of the FBI, David G. Binney, chief of the drug section of the criminal investigations division, described the gangs' methodical opera-

"They do a survey of a city to find out who is doing what there and what the market is,"

street corners. They are here to develop a distribution system. They make their contacts, deliver and leave."

There are always variations, of course,

They do a survey of a city to find out who is doing what there and what the market is. We can use a term like that because they have become very sophisticated businessmen. David G. Binney, chief of the FBI's drug section

Mr. Binney said. "We can use a term like that others noted, citing the arrest near Springause they have become very sophisticated

Police say the Californians began reaching out beyond Los Angeles about two years ago, first moving up the coast to Sacramento, Portland, Seattle and Anchorage.

They moved in, heavily armed, using strong-arm tactics, intimidated any potential opposition and easily undersold their com-

Law-enforcement officials have noticed changes in the style of the gangs' operations

currently available.

the infected cells."

latently infected cells.

Speak Out Over Sudan, Talks at UN

Relief Aides Urge U.S. Over Cyprus

WASHINGTON — With thousands of children and others starving in Sudan, the United States

"And while some may not think

Rights and International Organiza-

tions subcommittee. "We cannot

morally condone this horror by our

At a briefing for staff members

described what they said was a

rebels are seeking economic devel-

tonomy from the north, and the

have trekked across the border to

Ethiopia, while the rest have gone

walking for three months sustained

north in search of food, sometim

I think," Dr. Wong-Staal said.

In addition, the United States aimed at ending the division of Cy-has a controlling interest in the prus into Greek and Turkish com-

AIDS Drug: A 'Promising' Step

over the past few months. Mr. Shanahan, the Kansas City FBI offi-cial, said that the Crips and Bloods used to make their presence known when they moved into a new city, appearing on the street flaunting expensive jewelry and cloth-ing and renting luxury cars and frequently taking up residence.

The experiments we are performing in a test

"We don't want to raise any false hopes," he

added. "There is just a great deal we don't know."
For example, the drug might not work on cells
where the AIDS infection is not fully developed, he

But Dr. Uhr said he believed the new drug

would have fewer toxic side-effects than drugs

"The other drugs being used to treat AIDS are all powerful pharmacological agents with high de-grees of toxicity," he said.

"They enter the cell and prevent the virus from replicating. This works like a missile aimed only at

Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal, a National Institutes of Health AIDS researcher, said the finding was "im-portant," But he added, "we could never eliminate

the virus infection by this means" because of the

"It is still very early to say if this would be an important therapy, but it should be tried clinically,

New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New

munities by June is close to break-

down after new talks here this

week, diplomats and other officials

President George Vassiliou, head

of the internationally recognized

Republic of Cyprus, and Rauf Denktash, who leads the break-

away Turkish Republic of Cyprus,

which only Turkey recognizes, re-mained at loggerheads after two

days of talks mediated by Sccre-

tary-General Javier Pérez de Cuél-

Originally the two Cypriot lead-

ers were supposed to report to the

secretary-general on the progress of

talks they have been holding at his

Mr. Vassiliou's Greek-speaking

eovernment is committed to reuni

fying the island on the basis of

giving all Cypriots the right to live

anywhere on the island, acquire

property there and move about

ended Wednesday, Mr. Denktash proposed that the introduction of

ed for 18 years and thet even then

the right of citizens to move into a

different ethnic area and acquire

property there should be regulated. Mr. Vassiliou rejected the pro-

posal out of hand, refusing even to

discuss it at the meeting, officials said. But the two Cypriot leaders

have agreed to continue their talks

At this week's UN talks, which

se freedoms should be suspend

what he calls "the three freedom

lar, these officials said.

instigation in Nicosia,

- A UN peace initiative

field, Missouri, last week of two men carrying nearly 1,100 pounds (495 kilograms) of cocaine, the largest seizure ever in the state. · Although they drove a vehicle registered in Illinois, they had Los Angeles identifica-

Law-enforcement officials can offer no precise numbers on how many California gang members are active outside their home In Los Angeles County, there are about

70,000 gang members, predominantly hlacks but including some Hispanic gangs, accord-ing to Lieutenant Arthur Herrera of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

Across the United States, estimates re-

flecting their numbers vary widely, from places like Denver, where the police say gang members now total about 700, to St. Louis. where Debra Herzog, who heads the region's

"Since July, they have gone under-ground," he said. "Often, they carry oo iden-tification, and they don't hang around on ful of gang members "are just now establish-

In Omaha, the police estimate the number of Los Angeles gang members in the city at

And although they note that drug sales and violence did not originate with the Bloods and Crips, others observe that levels of violence, the number of arms seized in arrests and the use of crack have all escalated with their arrival in Omaha and with the sharp drop in drug prices that followed. Robert Armstrong, director of the Omaha

Housing Authority, put the problem in haman terms.

"All I know is that this year is worse than the year before," he said. "These people have no fear. Whether they are Crips or Crip imitators, they sell their drugs any time they feel like selling. And they intimidate the people, make them afraid to call the police, by letting them know they have guns."

If terror is an intent, it has been clearly achieved in at least one of the housing projects under Mr. Armstrong's direction, a place nicknamed "Vietnam" because gunfire erupts so frequently on its grounds, where one spot is called "Crack Corner."

"At first, the police said we exaggerated," said one young mother after recalling a recent incident when her five-year-old son had crouched in terror under the cross fire of

"They said it wasn't as bad here as in Los Angeles," she said. "Well, it gets as bad here in this Vietnam project as it does anywhere."

In the Gulf, the navy operated what amounted to the sixth largest

navy in the world, while at the same

to an admiral at navy headquarters. But, "we couldn't have done it

with two less carriers," he said,

anxious to point ont that the navy

by the Gulf operations.

ormance in the Gulf.

was stretched to it peacetime limits

The navy continues to maintain

26 warships on patrol in the Gulf,

Despite serious and tragic set-backs, some officers said they were

pleased with the navy's overall per-

Although it was a four-service

effort, navy officers assert that it

was essentially a naval mission, be-

cause it was conducted and sup-

## In Gulf War, a Model For U.S. Intervention drug testing because they do not develop the distube are a promising first step but we have a long way to go before a clinical trial," Dr. Uhr said.

Military officers said that without foreign bases and the right to fly over foreign airspace, the ability to respond to overseas crises with air force and army units becomes

This, they said, increases the importance of naval forces, because they can operate for long periods independent of land bases.

that sputtered to a conclusion earlier this year as the prime example of future U.S. military employment, and it is seeking to persuade policymakers that in spite of some notorious mistakes in the Gulf, the navy is the most appropriate service to take on such assignments and to get the financing to accomplish them.
It is also looking at its Gulf experience as a possible model for fu-

ture quasi-military missions. The mission in the Gulf was to interpose U.S. warships in a war of

ships, rockets and planes, keeping the sea lanes open while pres Iran to accept a cease-fire in its eight-year war with Iraq. Vice Admiral Henry Mustin said the navy's operations in the Gulf were initially complicated by a lack

of land bases for resupply and ntenance. In most areas like the Mediterranean and the Western Pacific, where large U.S. fleets operate, the ships depend upon land bases for

logistical support.
In the Gulf, bowever, even those nations welcoming a U.S. naval presence did not want Americans on their soil because of domestic political considerations

As a result, the navy resorted to a sca-based logistical support system of the type used to service the Pa-cific fleets in World War II. Resupply and maintenance ships were sent to the Gulf, and repairs

and replenishment were accomplished while the ships were at sea. The maintenance problem for naval units in the northern Gulf, where the restricted sailing area limited at-sea support, was solved by establishing maintenance shops

on barges. These were moved daily to avoid becoming targets for Iranian small

Navy officers cite these barge shops as an example of the innovative way they solved the problems in the Gulf.

These officers also project the Gulf operation as a preview of fleet operations in areas where the United States lacks bases.

# Without Nearby Bases

By Bernard E. Trainor

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The diffitime meeting its other commit-ments around the world, according culties encountered by the Reagan administration in negotiating base rights this year with the Philippines, Spain and Greece are, in the view of senior Pentagon officials, a presage that fewer overseas bases will be available around the world for U.S. use.

Recent Department of Defense studies back up this conclusion.

ported almost entirely at sea.

The setbacks included the nearsinking of two frigates with a loss The navy sees the Gulf conflict of 37 lives and the shooting down of an Iranian airliner, in which all 290 people aboard were killed, by the craiser Vincennes in July. Nevertheless, top navy civilians and officers say the Gulf mission

The deputy undersecretary of the navy, Seth Cropsy, remarked: "The public doesn't fully understand it

because they have become so coned to American ia can't believe we won." Old hands at the Pentagon see

the navy's using the Gulf operation to bolster its case with the Bush administration for a major share of the shrinking military budget. Not all senior navy officials see

such operations in a rosy light.

Many expressed doubts that the public is any more willing to get involved militarily in the Third World than before U.S. intervention in the Gulf.

Others said that the navy was not well prepared for the Gulf operations and that the need to call upon the army for helicopters to operate off navy ships illustrated the point. The 600-ship navy was dosigned to fight the Soviets on the gh seas," said a specialist on na-

val warfare. When they found themselves in confined and shallow waters seeded with mines and surrounded by civilian shipping and aircraft, they

were caught short." Nevertheless, now that the crisis has passed, some within the navy itself said that the service will again turn its back on the unglamorous business of warfare in closely confined waters, dominated by mines and small patrol boats.

Still, even these officers assert that the navy is the service best prepared to respond to crises in the Third World.

We can get there and stay there," said an admiral, who contended that the navy and Marines provided 90 percent of the U.S. forces in the Gulf.

In keeping with the tradition of inter-service rivalry, some Pentagon officers said it was meaningless to talk of percentages.

Moreover, they pointed out that

at the command level all services were involved in the Gulf.

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#### **TOPICS** Smokeless Cigarette Is Off to a Poor Start The new "smokeless" cigarette developed by R.J. Reynolds To-bacco Co., The New York Times reports, is proving highly unpopthree test markets: Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona, and St. Louis,

Reynolds, which spent about \$300 million to develop and market the Premier cigarette, declines to divulge sales figures. A spokeswoman said it was too early to tell whether the cigarette would succeed or fail. She said customers are urged "to try it for either a week or a carton, whichever comes first," and after that long a tryout, resistance "seems

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Store owners say sales have been slow to nonexistent. The verdict of consumers is overwhelmingly unfavorable.

"It tastes like burning plastic," said Jan Turlock of Tucson. "We have three smokers in my house. We all tried them and ended up throwing them in the sink. We said, 'You've got to be kid-

The smokeless cigarette is the size and shape of a conventional one. At the lighted end, a piece of charcoal-like carbon is all that burns. The smoker, by inhaling, draws hot air from the burning carbon over rolled tobacco and a capsule embedded in the tobacco which contains nicotine and fla-

The cigarette has found one market niche: among teen-agers sneaking smokes in school, because it makes so little smoke

#### **Short Takes**

Prison furloughs are routine in most states, including those that voted for the man who made such programs a heated issue, President-elect George Bush, The Associated Press reports. While officials concede that such brief, temporary releases can be abused by inmates, many insist that it is an effective way to relieve prison overcrowding and promote rehabilitation. "The inmates really protect the pro-gram," said Ed Ligtenberg, an associate warden in South Dakota. "It's good for the inmates because it gradually reintegrates them to the outside." But he add-

ed that it is oot a right: "They

1985, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The population consists mainly of cattle. With ranches averaging more than 23,000 acres (about 9,000 hect-

ares) each, it has only 100 inhabitants. The five next richest counties are all in the Washingtoo area, followed by Marin in California, near San Francisco, and Bristol Bay in Alaska, with a population of about 1,000. dounding out the top 10 are Fairfield in Connecticut and Westchester in New York, Both are suburban areas of New York

a per capita income of \$34,173 in

All high school valedictorians in Nevada are eligible for full four-year scholarships to the state university, including tuition, books, room and board, thanks to Margaret Elardi, owner of the Silver Slipper casino in Las Vegas. She said too many

HIS BAG IS PACKED FOR THE HOLIDAY — Timothy C. Youker arriving at Stapleton International Airport in Denver, en route to a ski vacation. He dressed in the Santa suit to greet members of his family who came to the airport to pick him up. Loving County, Texas, is the richest in the United States with state to go to college.

showing a skinny Thanksgiving pilgrim being squeezed in a ser-ried rank of rotund Santa Clauses, a Seattle-based retail

chain has announced that "at Nordstrom, we still believe in celebrating one holiday at a time. That's why you won't see any Christmas trim in our stores until after Thanksgiving.

A new disposable \$2 fountain pen writes for 3,000 feet (about 915 meters) before the ink runs dry. How many signatures, The New York Times woodered, could be written with 3,000 feet of ink? The answer, wrote Richard G. Hawn, an Erie, Pennsylvania, engineer, is 4,478, at least if your name is Richard G. Hawn. This works out to about one cent for 22 signatures.

Arthur Highee

# **Abrams Asks About Winning Trade Post**

New York Times Service has joined the line of those seeking to become the U.S. trade represen-

tative in the Bush administration. Mr. Abrams, who as the architect of policies to support the Nicaieism, bas been sounding out Senate staff members on whether he could be confirmed as the trade

representative.
President-elect George Bush is not expected to make any decisions Bruce Smart Jr., a former undersecon the post until after trade minis- retary of commerce.

WASHINGTON - Elliott Montreal oext month to chart the even if Mr. Ahrams was the ultithe position of the present trade firmed. representative, Clayton K. Yeutter, who will head the U.S. delegation at Montreal

Among those in the running for raguan rebels has drawn much crit-the job are Edmund T. Pratt Jr., ieism, bas been sounding out chairman and chief executive of Pfizer Inc.; M. Peter McPherson. deputy secretary of the Treasury; Representative Bill Frenzel, Republican of Minnesota; and S.

ters from 96 countries meet in Several Senate aides said that Abrams, the assistant secretary of course of world trade liberalizamate choice they did not think he state for inter-American affairs.

France Tests Nuclear Device

WELLINGTON, New Zealand - France has detonated a nuclear device with an estimated yield of 40 kilotons, New Zealand scientists said Thursday. The test, on the Mururoa atoli in French Polynesia, was the 102d test in the underground series launched in 1975.

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# Town Rings Up Vote to Return Bell to Sea

By John M. Baer Bashington Post Service

CAMPBELLTOWN, Pennsylvania - lt was not exactly a ringing endorsement. In fact, the vote was so close that the ballots were counted three times.

When it was over, this rural village in central Pennsylvania had rung one up for international friendship in one of the strangest referendums of the 1988 elections. Villagers voted, 346 to 341, to send back to Britain their community's pride and joy, a solid brass

ship's bell that weighs 50 pounds

(22 kilograms) and measures 3.5

( leet (a meter) tall. The decision did not come easily. but the story of the bell itself is a bit

complex.

The bell came from the Campbeltown, a British warship that helped win World War II even as it in 1940 as part of the lend-lease sank in March 1942 on a commando raid in France.

River at Saint Nazaire, then the largest dry dock in the world, Its mission, "Operation Chariot," was to blow up the only place big enough to dock the much-feared

sister of the Bismarck The bell was recovered after the successful mission, or pulled off the ship just before the raid. No one here professes to know.

Tirpitz, a giant German warship,

In 1950, the British Admiralty delivered the bell to the people of Campbelltown. James Robertson, the British consul-general at Philadelphia, said at the time that the bell was "the very soul" of the ship.

The gift was made because the Campbeltown originally was the U.S. warship Buchanan, built in Maine in 1919 and given to Britain program. It was renamed after

The ship was loaded with explo-sives when it sailed into the Loire ture of thanks and good will.

in Cyprus next month.

The bell was displayed proudly in Campbelltown for nearly four decades in a glass and brick monument outside the volunteer fire company. It was returned to Britain once, six years ago for the 40th anniversary of the ship's mission.

Last spring, the British Navy wrote to say that it was building a new Campbeltown and would like the original bell back. Villagers contended that, since

the bell was given to them, only they could decide what to do with it. The issue was turned over to a committee made up of representatives of the fire company, the ladies' auxiliary, the legion, the Lions Club and citizens. One committee member was

Lloyd Simmers, 75, who received

the bell 38 years ago when he head-

ed the American Legion post. He

and others expressed surprise that the vote was so close.

Cindy Skinner, the committee chairwoman and a secretary at C&M Heating and Air Condition-ing on West Main Street, said, "We really thought it would be oce-sid-"We sat at the polling place for 13 hours," she said. "We counted

bell for recommissioning ceremonies to May, perhaps with a Campbelitown escort At the least, residents said, they hoped to receive a plaque in return for the bell and a pledge that, when the new ship is decommissio

the vote three times to be sure."

Plans are under way to return the

20 or 30 years, the bell will be returned to Campbelltown. For now, the soul of the ship is under lock and key at the fire hall. The monument out front stands empty. And, at least in Campbell



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# Pretoria's Other Signal

What a rare and welcome step in South Africa: the commutation Wednesday of death sentences against six black prisoners. Too rare; the stronger signal from Pretoria is repression. The recent treason con-viction of four black anti-apartheid leaders

constitutes lawlessness in the name of law. A Pretoria judge accepted the government's novel argument that speech and demconstrations can constitute treason. It is hard to imagine a doctrine more likely to invite violence by rebellious black South Africans.

If advocacy is to be a hanging crime, what course remains but revolution? The government has had a very specific target in this three-year political trial: the United Democratic Front, an anti-apartheid coalition committed to nonviolence. The charges grew out of violent protests four years ago when the white regime instituted a new constitution, ft gave a limited franchise to people of mixed race but none whatsoever to the black majority. The real provocation was the constitution,

not the UDF campaign against it.

President Pieter Botha has repeatedly rebuffed proposals for direct talks between his government and the African National Congress, whose leaders refuse to condemn vio-lent resistance. It was because be would not disayow violence that Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964. Now four UDF leaders face hanging be-

cause their "hostile intent" constitutes treason. With this mind-reading test, who is safe in a society that already bans demon-strations, illegalizes multiracial opposition and stifles free speech?

The treason prosecution may seem at variance with Pretoria's pragmatic disengagement from Angola, and the hints that Mr. Botha would like to free Mr. Mandela But there is a distressing consistency.

Pulling back from an unpopular war in Angola has not hurt the government with a white electorate, and any hint of softness abroad is now offset by a deadly dose of vindictive justice at home. At a moment when Pretoria should be freeing prisoners and opening talks, it embraces a legal formula for filling jails and discouraging contacts.

How much wiser if there were more gestures like Mr. Botha's commutation of the death sentence of six blacks convicted of having a "common purpose" with the mob killers of a Sharpeville councilman in 1984. How much better if Presoria matched its pragmatism abroad by ucanne with the majority of its own people. natism abroad by dealing as maturely

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Arafat, but No Pistol

Should Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, be given the American visa that would allow him to address the United Nations next month? Yes. The PLO has official status at the United Nations, and the United States is obligated under its headquarters agreement with the UN to let in people, even undesirable ones, who have official business to transact. There is a big fuss over the Arafat visa, but the issue is simple. Mr. Arafat came to the United Nations once before, in 1974. He should be allowed to come again.

The State Department, which is going through a bit of a shuffle on the matter, presumably will grant the visa, Mr. Arafat wants to make the trip to report on the Palestine national movement's recent announcement of a state. The American government does not find that the PLO has met its conditions for recognition as spokesman for the Palestinian movement. Nor does it think there should be an independent Palestinian state. It believes that whatever political status the Palestinians eventually get they should get by negotiation and not by their own unilateral declaration. The American public, moreover, is not exactly crazy about Yasser Arafat. Americans do not care

for his political ideas, and do not like his patronage of terrorism. But the United States, in undertaking to host the UN, agreed long ago to let its accredited mem-bers and observers come and go, and the

PLO fits in the latter category.

We see a particular benefit in the Arafat appearance. He will get the chance to speak to Americans and the world. But Americans are getting the chance to speak to him. The visa flap already has produced a brisk and useful public discussion of the PLO and terrorism. The PLO has confirmed itself as the authentic political voice of most Palestinians. But it is also deeply tinged by the traditions, ideas, practices and practitioners of terrorism, and, as an organization, it has never mustered the inclination or will to repudiate these activities. Even at the recent Algiers meeting, called to put the best face sible oo the Palestinians' bid for statehood, the PLO maintained a suspect ambiguity.

It is good for Mr. Arafat to know that a great many Americans, whatever their views on political issues in the Middle East, are alarmed and troubled by PLO terrorism. And if he does come to the United Nations, he should leave his pistol home. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

# Make It Easier to Vote

The final returns on voter turnout are as dismal as predicted: Only half of America's eligible voters actually voted in the 1988 election, the lowest proportion since 1924. The figures offer no magic solution. But

they argue strongly that more people would ole if voting could be made easier Who were the nonvoters?

According to a New York Times-CBS News survey, they tended to be younger. poorer and less educated than voters. Would their votes have changed the outcome? No. If nonvoters had voted. Vice President George Bush might have won by 11 percentage points instead of 8 — largely because of pro-Bush sentiment

among younger nonvoters. Why didn't they vote? Seventeen percent did not care or were too busy; 13 percent disliked the candidates. These numbers

suggest apathy and dismay. But the largest group, 37 percent, said they did not vote because they were not regis-tered. And the majority of those said they would have voted if they could simply have showed up at the polls on Election Day.

There is disagreement about the impor-tance of registration as an obstacle to turn-

out. The Committee for the Study of the American Electorate noted a decrease in voting this year even among registered voters. ft found that in two states with Election Day registration, Wisconsin and Minnesota, mmout had fallen below 1972 levels, when The real problem, those findings imply, is not ouerous registration rules but an ominous reluctance to exercise the right to vote. Yet the same study also suggests that simpler rules would add as many as 13 million voters to the rolls. It stands to reason, too, that simpler rules would boost turnout among the groups most conspicuously absent from this year's election —the poor and less educated, who often are deterred by complex procedures; and young people, who are more likely to have moved recently.

In this computer age, why not allow voters to establish their identities on Election Day with Social Security cards or driver's licenses? That will not remedy widespread voter apathy, and there may be argument about how much good it would do. But there is oo argument that eliminating archaie barriers would be a sensible first step.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Other Comment

#### Russia's Surly Empire

Russia's control over much of the territory that is called the Soviet Union is at risk, and even the Gorbachev sort of Communist does not see why.

[The Russians] are overextended, Most people in most of the eight countries of mized Eastern Europe do not want to be run by Communist governments, and do not like being told by Russians that they have got to be. Forty years of that dooble arrogance from Moscow — Marx knows best, and Russia knows what Marx really meant - have created the makings of an East European rebellion. And the Russians' justified fear that they are overextended now reaches back into the Soviet Union. Seven rumbling republics between Russia and the European heartland are all either Slav but non-Russian (Ukraine, Belorussia) or not Slav at all (the Baltic trio, Georgia Armenia). They resent being Russified.

The Soviet empire is not about to vanish entirely. Mr. Gorbachev is too good a Communist, and politician, for that. Change in its shape and its extent there will nevertheless be. New forces are at work, old ones are waning historic mistakes are being exposed. As any Marxist could tell you, that makes change inevitable.

- The Economist (London).

# Mighty Chun Is Still Falling

A year ago President Chun Doo Hwan still possessed near-authoritarian control over 40 million fellow South Koreans. Today he is a humiliated and broken man. Like failed rulers of old, he has been forced to apologize publicly for his adminis-tration's crimes and follies. Like failed rulers of old, he has had to slink away from the capital to find haven. The mighty are indeed fallen. But for Mr. Chun the fall is not over. Opposition legislators are determined that Mr. Chun should be called to account for the brutalities and the corruption that marked his rule. Young radicals insist that Mr. Chun be tried and executed. But cooler-headed politicians in all opposition parties seem re-luctant to bring Mr. Chun to trial, recogniz-ing the instability that could result.

President Roh Tae Woo has shown himself sensitive to public opinion and, so far, genuitely interested in seeing democracy take root. He can turn a deaf ear to the student radicals, and maybe discount what opposition politicians say. What he probably cannot do is ignore the middle class. Mr. Chun's fate may ultimately rest with those whose prosperity and political importance are due in no small part to the economic policies fostered by his authoritarian regime.

- The Los Angeles Times.

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# Our Battered Globe: The Worst Is Yet to Come

N EW YORK — The presidential candidates did not mention and probably few Americans noticed a brief, chilling New York Times report from Beijing on Oct. 28: Twenty million Chinese may starve and a further 80 million will endure severe food shortages in the coming months. A natural disaster? Yes, floods and droughts devastated China this year; but its coming or-

An area of China the size of ftaly has been denuded of forests and become a virtual desert in the last 30 years - the consequence of indiscriminate cutting for firewood, timber and agricultural clearance. That made floods and drought inevita-

deal is man-made, too.

ble, and their consequences worse.

To its credit, China has undertaken the world's largest reforestation project, more than 4.5 million bectares (11 million acres) a year — including a 6,500-kilometer (4,000-mile) "great green wall" of trees, shrubs and other plantings. Whether the tide of sand, environmental destruction and death can be reversed is not clear, but the effort surely is coming too late for the millions of Chinese facing starvation this winter.

Elsewhere, the deforestation of the Earth, at its worst in the developing world, seems to be proceed-ing inexorably. The World Watch Institute, for example, has reported that "in less than a decade forest cover within 100 kilometers of India's major cities dropped by 15 percent or more; the area surrounding Delhi lost a staggering 60 percent - mostly to firewood cutting.

WASHINGTON — In the two centuries of the American

Republic, there had never been an-

other moment like this. The two

most recent former presidents of the United States, one Republican and

one Democratic, have called on the

who initiated the project.

its proposals for dealing with such

problems as the budget deficit and

the quest for arms control reflect

experienced counsel. Particularly

striking is the bipartisan agreement on the need to restrain Social Securi-

ty retirement benefits and boost con-

sumer taxes to avoid minous cuts in defense and domestic programs.

The former presidents give great

importance to improving health, nu-

trition and early education programs for millions of children in poverty.

"We see two Americas," they say in a

rebuke to complacency, "one increas-ingly wealthy, one tragically poor." But what is most intoguing is the

By Tom Wicker

A new publication of the World Resources Institute and the International Institute for Environment and Development notes, moreover, that "600,000 hectares of closed forests are lost each year" in Indonesia alone.

Around the world, 11 million hectares of trootcal forest and other woodlands are lost annually. With world trade in wood and wood products projected to grow for the next 50 years, and with the world's rapidly growing population in dire need of more agricultural land and firewood — about half the world's population already relies on noncommercial firewood as its sole energy source - the descrifying of much of the Earth is a real prospect.

Deforestation is one of the worst environmental crises facing the nations of the world; but it is by no means the only one. Much has been written about the "greenhouse effect," the ozone layer and acid rain - none of which bonor national boundaries or even hemispheric differences. World Resources, 1988-1989, the new publication already referred to, points out in its summary alone that:

drylands — rangelands, rain-fed croplands and irri-gated drylands — have suffered losses of biological productivity, possibly leading to desert-like condi-tions. In sub-Saharan Africa, more than 80 percent of dry rangelands are desertified already.

• A decade from now, the urban population of

developing regions will be twice that of the developed world's urban population; half the Earth's population, compared with 30 percent in 1950, will live in urban areas — the most potent generators of sewage, trash and industrial waste, which few cities

The Latins

Get Defiant

About Debt

By Mariene Nadle

N EW YORK — President Alan Garcia Perez of Peru may have

run into deep economic troubles re-

cently but that has not discouraged

politicians in major Latin American countries from following his political prototype of populist debt defiance. All over the region, populist candi-dates are gaining widespread sup-

port. Among the most prominent are: Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, who ran a strong second in the still disputed

Mexican presidential election in July. Carlos Andres Pérez, a strong fa-vorite in the Venezuelan presidential

Carlos Saul Menem, who is favored to succeed Ranil Alfonsin as

president of Argentina in May. Leonel Brizola, a leading candidate

for the Brazilian presidency, which will be decided in November 1989.

two ways: They could lead to greater confrontations with Washington and increased strains on fragile Latin de-

mocracies or force the United States to

develop a more rational debt policy. The populists repudiate their governments current, U.S.-backed debt policies that give billions to American

bankers each year while putting Latins

into economic crisis. They are striving

to build their mandates with appeals to the middle class, which has seen its way of life ravaged by inflation, and the poor, who have suffered the worst

of the recession, hunger and despair. They are not wild men bot traditional

politicians trying to meet the needs of

their constituents. As a matter of nadonal survival, they are ready to take the desperate act of stopping payment oo all or part of their countries' foreign

debts. They feel they have no choice.

president, is taking a tougher debt

stance because, even in his wealthy country, the inflation rate in August

reached an annual rate of 28 percent,

cash reserves and oil prices are falling,

and, for the first time, Venezuela has

had to go further into debt to make payments on its \$35 billion debt, which took 26 percent of the country's

export earnings last year. Mr. Pérez has become an outspoken

supporter of Mr. Garcia, who has limited Peru's debt payments to 10 per-

cent of its export earnings. Mr. Pérez is likely to set his own terms, too, if he

gained prominence when be created

an economic boom in his province, La

Rioja, and promised a "productivity revolution" for his economically mori-

bund country by putting Argentine

money into growth rather than the

As president, he has said, he would

ask his Congress for a five-year sus-pension of interest payments on the \$57 billion debt, which took 56 per-

cent of export earnings in 1987. And,

with President Alfonsin's and his Radical Party having lost their ma-jority in the Congress last year, the plan is likely to win approval.

Many Brazilians are turning to for-mer Governor Brizola in unease over

the weak leadership of President José

economy and country are out of con-

Sarney and out of fear that their

coffers of foreign bankers.

cannot secure some debt relief. Governor Menero is a Peronist who

Mr. Perez, a former Venezuelan

Populist victories could cut one of

elections on Dec. 4.

in developing areas can handle properly.

• Habitat losses of all types, mostly forest destruction, threaten species diversity, the loss of which endangers the richly intertwined ecosystems of the Earth; in Southeast Asia, 68 percent of wildlife habitat has disappeared and in sub-Saharan Africa, 65 percent has been lost.

 Worldwide fuel combustion at high temperature now emits into the atmosphere, every year, more than 20 million metric tons of nitric oxide, which is a major contributor to smog, acid rain and the greenhouse effect. .

• The world's strained resources, now supporting about five billion people in varying degrees of misery and affluence, will have to sustain life for more than eight billion by 2025 (a United Nations projection). Africa's population alone then will equal those of Europe, North and South America. These threats to life on this battered globe are proportions; than the depart of mylesy belowater.

more ominous than the danger of nuclear holocaust.

If President-elect George Bush is determined to protect real national security, he cannot relegate such crucial issues of survival to bureaucratic backwaters in the State Department or the Environmental Protection Agency. They belong on the president's desk, the day he enters the Oval Office.

The New York Times

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# From Ford and Carter, a Desperate Improvisation

By David S. Broder

implicit belief, shared by two men who reached the top of the American governmental system, that the sys-tem itself must be overcome if the nation is to meet its challenges. What Mr. Ford and Mr. Carter

president-elect to offer not just congratulations but what they called an are saying to Mr. Bush is: Forget the campaign and the commitments stemming from it. And figure out American Agenda" from which he might shape his plans.

Before telling you what bothers me so much about this, let me say bow to sidestep the separation of powers the constitution established that the report delivered to George Bush by Jimmy Carter and Gerald between the Congress and the executive branch. The two presidents Ford is full of sensible observations. are not quite advocating conversion ft represents the best thinking of 400 to parliamentary government. But veterans of recent administrations, they are groping in that direction. leaders of business, labor, education In a joint television interview, Mr. Ford spoke scathingly of the "simplistic" rhetoric of the campaign and and the law. It was edited into a document of exceptional force and clarity by two former White House ongingly of the British model of aides, James Cannon, a Republican, and Stuart Eizenstat, a Democrat, five-week parliamentary elections. Mr. Carter agreed that this was the

most irresponsible campaign for

president I have ever known," be-cause both candidates avoided "all the things that are controversial." In a message bordering on the pa-tronizing, they wrote Mr. Bush that "being a candidate for president and being president are two very different things ... Although you certainly have political obligations, your closest

best serve you by understanding that all things are different now." In inviting Mr. Bush to turn his back on his campaign pledges, they ignore the risk that such action would increase cynicism in an al-

friends and strongest supporters will

ready cynical electorate. They also urge Mr. Bush to invite key leaders of the Democratic-controlled Congress to join him and his principal advisers for "a long weekd" retreat in December, outside Washington, No fixed agenda; just

an effort at "creating a personal rap-port" that might lead to a "bipartisan

agreement" on a budget plan.

They urge Mr. Bush to make a deal in which congressional leaders would swap the promise of "continuing consultation" on foreign policy for the forfeiting of their right to "micromanage" national security po-licy through legislative amendments. Both proposals assume that govemment should operate as the Ford-Carter commission did: as an orderly conclave of wise men, beyond per-sonal ambition or partisan conflict.

Back when voters took political parties seriously, such a proposal would have been laughed out of town. Can you imagine Franklin Roosevelt being advised by Herbert Hoover to go off on "a long weekend" retreat with the Republica congressional leaders of his day?

But now voters have institution alized a new set of checks and balances between a near-perm Democratic Congress and a near-permanent Republican presidency. So people like Mr. Ford and Mr. Carter find themselves trying to circumvent the constitution's sepa-

ration of powers, all to avoid the dangers of policy stalemate. This kind of desperate improvisa-tion is what we must expect when political parties fail to use campaigns to define policy choices and settle control of government. Anthentic Americans like Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter start wishing that

the country had a parliament.

The Washington Past.

# Why They Won't Stop Talking About Wallenberg

Yep, Garge, pretty soon you

can take over the oars ...

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — The other day I mentioned to a friend, a journalist, that I was going to take part in a meeting in New York about Raoul Wallenberg. He looked at me in astonishment. "Wallenberg? The man has been missing for what, 40 years, more — ever since the end of World War II. Nobody lives that long in a Russian prison! What is there to talk about anymore?"

f suppose f looked as astonished as be. I told him that the Wallenberg story kept popping up in my mind because one story or another in the news reminded me of him. We agreed

that people have different interests. That night at the meeting of the Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States there were lawyers and bankers and teachers, writers, some men from Wall Street, doctors, retailers, clergymen, about 150 people in all, including a member of Congress and a diplomat representing Carl XVI Gustal, the king of Sweden. There were New Yorkers, and men

and women from Colorado, fdaho, California and Michigan who be-longed to the U.S. group, one of 13 Wallenberg committees in the world. The same day there was a story on

the front page of every newspaper that called the name of Wallenberg into the minds of thousands of Americans who read it. The story said that Mikhail Gorbachev would visit the United States in December. fn 1944, Raoul Wallenberg, a Swede of 32, was asked by American

representatives to go to Budapest, there to risk his life every day by trying to snatch Hungarian Jews from the Nazis. German soldiers and Hungarian Fascists were rounding them up to send to slaughter camps Mr. Wallenberg came from a good family and had a line education, but there was nothing about him that spoke of the man he was to become in Budapest -a man who by force of his

He used only diplomatic status, a little money contributed by Ameri-can Jews, and a stunningly indomitable will. He hid Jews in houses from which he bung Swedish flags. He marched into knots of Nazi kidnappers crying, "feh bin Wallenberg!" as if that would make them fall back.

Sometimes it did. Hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews were murdered by the Germans. Racol Wallenberg saved thou-sands. To them and to their sons and daughters, and to millions of people around the world for whom the Holocaust is eternal. Mr. Wallenberg is an almost mystical reminder of what one

decent, brave person can do, just one. In January 1945, the Russians entered Budapest. Mr. Wallenberg went to meet them and disappeared. For years, the Russians said they had no idea where he was. In 1957, Andrei Groonyko, then a

own will did rescue thousands of Jews. deputy foreign minister and later pres-

Mr. Wallenberg had been imprisoned but had died in a Soviet jail in 1947 and that there were no documents or witnesses remaining. From that day to this the Soviet government has added no further information.

alive as ever. One reason is hope. Nobody wants to say it is gone. There are many who cling hard to the belief be is alive and meticulously try to track down reports that he has been seen in one Soviet prison or another. The other, far stronger, is the determination not to do to Mr. Wallenberg what he refused to do to the Jews of Hungary - turn away.

For the people in every part of the world, Mr. Wallenberg becomes part of every story that has to do with brave men and women willing to sacrifice life or liberty for others. Andrei Sakharov visits the United

called Raphael Leankin, almost 30 years after his death. It puts into law the genocide convention to which he devoted his life. Thought association: Raoul Wallenberg and Raphael Lemkin fought murder, each in his own way.

Now there is a Wallenberg story of
another kind — Mr. Gorbachev's visit. Will he finally fulfill the hopes that

he would uncover and reveal the full story of Raoul Wallenberg? The responsibility to reply belongs to Mikhail Gorbachev. The responsibility to ask the question belongs to those who meet with him.

President Reagan and President-elect Bush will have the chance. So will

the press. It is an opportunity for journalists, and a far greater one for the leader of the Soviet Union. The New York Times

trol and their democracy threatened.

Despite a strong industrial base, But the Wallenberg movement is as the Brazilian economy is edging toward a situation as bad as Argenti-na's, with an annualized inflation rate of more than 700 percent in October. Mr. Brizola is developing a plan to restructure payment terms oo the country's \$121 billion debt, which took 35 percent of export earnings in 1987. One option he is considering is to repay debt in Brazilian currency.

Washington need not respond to debt rebellion, as it has in the past, by supporting a punitive cutoff of credit and capital, further damaging economic and political stability. Norneed it remain opposed to substantive debt reduction. As was demonstrated in the States and his very presence somehow freshens the name of Wallenberg.
The U.S. Senate honors a Polish Jew 1940s in Latin America, debt reduc-

tion can be a workable policy. A bill before the U.S. Congress \would reduce each country's loans to their actual market worth and require payments to an international debt facility rather than directly to the banks. Jeffrey Sachs, a Harvard economist, estimates that even if debtor nations failed to pay their reduced bill, it would take only 6 percent of Ameri-ca's \$16 billion foreign aid budget over a few years to cover the payments and

end the global debt crisis.

That is a small price to pay to avoid the risk of losing the major Latin nations as trading partners and stable political allies.

The writer, a journalist, is senior research fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs. She contributed

#### 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Imperial Progress PARIS - The German Emperor's speech, at the opening of the Reichs-tag, has been received everywhere with

genuine satisfaction. The contrast between his maiden speeches last sum-mer and his statesmanlike utterances of Nov. 22 is most marked, and is, in every way, reassuring for Europe. William II realizes that it is better to go down to posterity as the Augustus of Europe rather than its Attila.

1913: Masterpiece 'Lost' LONDON - England has lost and

America has gained another of the greatest mesterpieces known to the art world. It is none other than the famous Panshanger Raphael, also known as the Cowper "Madonna," which Mesrs. Duveen Brothers have acquired from the Desborough family. The condi-

happened, the Gallery had not sufficient money to pay so high a price, whatever that was. The painting will very probably find a final home in the Metropolitan Museum in New York

1938: U.S. Black Shirts OKLAHOMA CITY - Public officials and school authorities today

[Nov. 25] were undecided whether the latest antic of Oklahoma City's high school students was serious or merely "adolescent tomfoolery." The students had formed a secret society whose uniform was a black shirt. The students, all under twenty, call the society leaders "commisaries," affect all-black uniforms and mustaches and practice rifle-shooting. They de-clare they advocate "bloodless political change, a new social and economic order providing equality for all elimination of class lines, more sex the Desborough family. The conditions attached to the purchase of the picture were that the National Gallery should first have an opportunity of tioned several and declared the society was a "pretty serious affair for a joke."

# For Japanese, One Big Company Store

T OKYO - For weeks, my fam-I ily begged my parents in the United States for an early Christmas present: fleece-lined slippers to save us from chilblains. We can't wear our shoes indoors, the floors are cold and the Japanese-made cloth slippers available locally are, to be polite about it, nothing special in quality or price.

My mother obligingly ordered the slippers from the L. L. Bean catalogue. The price, which by Japanese standards seems indecently low, was \$27 a pair, or \$108 for a shipment of four pairs. Last evening, the local delivery service called to say that the slippers had arrived and could be whisked to our house as soon as we paid the import duty of 19,200 yen. At current exchange rates this is \$156, for an

effective import tax of 145 percent. Japan heavily taxes nearly all imported items containing leather. My slippers were put in an "indoor shoes" classification that allowed them to be taxed at 60 percent of their value or 4,800 yen an item, whichever is more. This works out to a \$39 minimum tax on every pair

of slippers and shoes.

drives me crazy? Partly. But the real significance of the episode is that it illustrates an important but obscure source of trade friction between Japan and the rest of the world: the astonishing Japanese apathy about the system of organized extortion that is Japan's consumer economy. Just before I paid the ransom money for my Christmas present, I was talking with an influential Japanese journalist who had served for years in the United States. Like

Do I mention this because it

By James Fallows

virtually everyone in Japan, he was relieved that George Bush had won, since the Republicans seemed more likely to keep U.S. markets open. But not even Mr. Bush's election, my friend thought, would solve all of America's problems — notably the "twin deficits," in the federal budget and foreign trade. Sure, Ja-

pan would like to help, but there is only so much that friends can do for someone who will not help himself. "Really, what can we buy from America?" he asked. "We are already buying a lot of food, and most other products aren't suited to our standards or our style of life."

This opinion was significant precisely because in Japan it is such a cliche. In casual conversations and in official statements. Japanese typically express a two-part theory on the origins of the trade imbalance. First, Japan can make most products better than anyone else, so there is little for it to buy besides raw materials, luxuries and entertainment And second, Japan's markets are already open, so if U.S. products don't sell here that only confirms America's lack of will

Obviously, this theory is partly true: Japan's products are often the best and American exporters often do not try hard enough. But just as obviously - to non-Japanese - the theory is partly false. Many Japanese products, from ready-made clothing to housing fixtures, are mediocre, and everything in Japan, from food to Japanese-made elecronics, is "uncompetitively" priced. Monthly from Asia. He contributed this to The New York Times. tronics, is "uncompetitively" priced.

living in a mining town and having to shop at the company store: The selection is artificially limited, the prices are jacked up and the oppressed consumer subsidizes the corporations that are in control. (I will retract this statement and agree that Japan is becoming a normal consumer economy when someone can show me a manufactured product, especially a Japanese-made product, that is priced lower in Ja-pan than in the United States.)

Indeed, it would be hard for the average Japanese consumer even to know whether there is anything to buy from America. By the time a product gets into Japan, it is so sad-dled with tariffs and middle-man markups that, like my poor slippers, it has become "uncompetitive," too. At an intellectual level, many Japanese must understand that the system is rigged. When the Japanese leave the country and can shop somewhere besides the company store, they buy up everything they see. But once they set foot on the home islands again, they seem to forget what they have learned or to suppress the desire to complain. Some newspapers have begun asking why Japanese-made cameras and computers are theaper in New York than in Tokyo, but most people still write the price gap off as another of America's oddities, not as an indictment of Japan's own tariffs and retail cartels.

Is there "anything to buy" from the outside world? Clear out these stapid tariffs and the Japanese will see.

The writer reports for The Atlantic

# NATO: Alliance Issues Data on East-West Force Levels

(Continued from Page 1) cluded in any bloc-to-bloc military

comparison. France agreed to join this time because the new presentation is intended to reduce military uncertainties between East and West as part of the negotiations in the Contion in Europe, now meeting in Vienna, and in the Conventional

open in that city early next year. challenged NATO figures on East- attack forces. West arms, saying that simple numerical counts failed to reflect the data about Soviet troop-stationing qualitative advantage of NATO's patterns to show how many Soviet newest weapons. But U.S. officials active combat and artillery divisaid Friday that this NATO docu-

The NATO presentation prefig-The tables show numbers of forces tions,

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and amounts of equipment in Europe, from the Atlantic to the Urals, without trying to assess their comhat effectiveness or indicate whether Soviet forces could prevail in a nonnuclear conflict.

By graphically displaying the Soviet superiority in tanks and arference on Security and Coopera- tillery, the NATO figures foreshadow the Western approach to the arms talks, in which NATO leaders Stability Talks, which is likely to have said that they will concentrate on getting the Soviet Union to Soviet officials have consistently make beavily lopsided cuts in their

Similarly, a chart formulated sions are stationed outside the Soment had to show overall totals viet Union in Eastern Europe, The because that is the basis for cuts. reduction of these forces, which can be used as garrison troops to ures the overall Western approach maintain Soviet authority, is anoth-to the planned arms-control talks. er Western objective in the negotia-

The document rejects Soviet claims of Western superiority in fighter aircraft in Europe. NATO planners have rejected a standard Soviet device of omitting many of their own fighters by reclassifying them as "air-defense interceptors."

Data for the document come from all 16 NATO nations, which provided the figures about the number of their own forces that should be covered by the talks. Forces deployed outside of Europe - for example, U.S. and Canadian troops in North America or French contingents in Africa - were ex-

The figures were based on 18 mooths of consultation. Figures for Warsaw Pact forces were based on intelligence estimates, coordinated by experts from NATO nations. The Warsaw Pact has promised to start providing data about its own forces, but has never done so.

Despite his party's decision to sketchy, forcing people to rely on second-hand reports and rumors. While Armenian activists have a fairly sophisticated network for the

Mr. Peres originally had insisted exchange of information, much less he could not enter any government that would not pursue the internainformation has come from the A spokesman for the official Artional conference concept. But in interviews published Friday in the menian news agency, Armenpress, said that 1,700 Armenian refugees fsraeli press. he appeared to back had arrived from Azerbaijan, many away, rioting that the recent resolutions of the Palestine National of them belped by Soviet troops. Council, the reticence of King Hus-Soldiers and armored personnel sein of Jordan and the pending start of the new Bush administraconference idea for now. have been at loggerheads over the

Aides say Mr. Peres would settle for policy guidelines that would not rule out the conference nor restrict that is claimed by Armenia. There the new government to the Camp have been no reports of violence David peace formulations that Mr. from the largely Armenian-inhabit-Shamir says he favors.

# UNREST: Yerevan Under Curfew

Azerbaijani side.

tioned in the streets of Yerevan. Armenians and Azerbaija

Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous

Region, an Azerbaijani territory

## Soviet Shopping

(Continued from Page 1) largest refugee population, and some of the relief organizations have budgets the size of those of

small countries, a Western resident of Peshawar pointed out. Alongside the foreign relief workers live the more prosperous Afghans, who are free to take jobs France on Friday. and open businesses in Pakistan.

The leaders of guerrilla organizamaintain offices in big houses easy to identify by the concentration of up-10-date vans and four-wheeldrive vehicles, some American, that cluster by their gates, watched over by armed men in shawls.

The Communist takeover of Afghanistan, followed by guerrilla warfare and then Soviet military intervention, sent thousands of Kabul residents fleeing eastward through the Khyber Pass, taking their cars and tourist vans with

University Road, which passes from Bara Bazaar through the residential neighborhood surrounding Peshawar University, has become a used-car strip worthy of suburhan America, except that here and there a showroom hears a name like Afchan Motors.

If peace comes to Afghanistan and refugees begin returning home. the fate of the Pesnawar economy. artificially inflated and luxury-oriented, is a concern of local political leaders.

#### (Continued from page 1)

been imposed on three Azerbaijani towns, including the capital, Baku. The ethnic flare-up poses a ma-jor domestic challenge for Mr. Gor-bachev at a time when he is trying

to attend to foreign policy.

The Soviet leader, who plans a trip to New York, Havana and London early next month, received President François Mitterrand of

Fresh details emerged Friday carriers were reported to be staabout the tense situation in the Azerbaijan, where three Soviet soldiers were killed Tuesday while trying to separate Christian Armenians from Moslem Azerbaijanis. Armenian activists said that the Armenian quarter in the town was now ringed by Soviet troops fol- ad region.

lowing the burning of 60 houses belonging to Armenians. The activists said they based their information on a message to Armenian government representauses in Moscow from the commander of Soviet forces in Kirovabad, General Pyotr Kolev. The general was said to have denied

earlier rumors about the killings of Armenians in the town. According to the Armenian activists, violence flared up Friday in a village outside Kirovabad, with groups of Azerbaijanis attacking Armenians and burning Armenian

houses. The reports could not be officially confirmed. Official Soviet accounts of the

violence in the Transcaucasian republics have been extremely

# **And Peres Expected**

**New Talks** 

By Shamir

By Glenn Frankel

JERUSALEM - Leaders of Israel's two major political parties are expected to reopen negotiations over the formation of a new government early next week in response to pressures both from within their own ranks and from American Jewry.

Party officials confirmed reports on Friday that emissaries of the rightist Likud Party had made a new approach to the left-of-center Labor Pary in an attempt to arrange another meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Likud and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Labor.

The last series of talks were called off by Labor earlier this week after Likud refused its rival party's demands for parity in the cahinet and for two senior portfolios - the Finance and Defense Ministries — for Labor leaders Mr. Peres and Yitzhak Rabin.

Mr. Shamir has nine more days before he must return to President Chaim Herzog and either deliver a government or seek an additional three weeks to do so. Aides say that makes this next week a milestone - but not necessarily the concluding one in a long, complex test of political nerves.

Mr. Shamir, whose party narrowly edged out Labor by one seat in the Nov. I parliamentary elections, wants to recruit his opponents into a broad-hased govern-ment under his leadership for two reasons, according to a senior aide: to display a united front internationally, and to dilute the influence of the far-right and religious parties.

But at the same time, the aide said, Mr. Shamir fears a return to the conditions of the last national unity government in which Mr. Peres in effect conducted his own foreign policy, promoting the idea of an international Middle East peace conference despite Mr. Shamir's opposition.

pull out of the talks, Mr. Peres has not closed the door to further negotiations but has listed several demands that would give Labor an effective veto over any governmental decision. He also wants the adoption in advance of a set of policy principles that his aides say would provide flexibility in seeking a new peace initiative.

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# A Czechoslovak Church Activist's Fate

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service

PRAGUE — Augustin Navratil, a railroad worker from rural Moravia, symbolized reli-gious revival earlier this year when he began a petition for religious liberty that collected nearly 600,000 signatures.

On Oct. 28, Mr. Navratil also became a symbol of the government's crackdown on dissent when the authorities committed him to a mental asylum.

Mr. Navratil's internment by order of an appeals court in Brno was one of a series of blows in recent months against independent religious activity.

fn August, a Bratislava appeals court upheld a four-year jail sentence against an un-

derground publisher of religious material. Ivan Polansky, for subversion.
On Oct. 28, the day of Mr. Navratil's internment, the police in Brno arrested a Jesuit priest, the Reverend Frantisek Lizna, on suspicion of incitement, after leaflets re-

calling the 70th anniversary of Czechoslovak independence were found in his automobile. There are also increased reports of pressure by state security agents on people seeking entrance into religious orders.

Two Prague women in their 20s who sought to enter the Franciscan order described interrogations by security officers whose aim, they said, was to enlist their services as informers.

The stepped-up government harassment is widely viewed in Prague as part of a broader drive to curb independent activity. Roman Catholic advocates of change, buman rights campaigners and independent political groups have become increasingly active in ecent months.

But the crackdown also reflects the apparent failure of the government and the Vatican to ease strained relations.

Progress appeared to have been made in June when officials of the Vatican and Czechoslovakia agreed on the appointment of three bishops to fill some of the 10 vacancies among the 12 Roman Catholic dioceses in the country. The appointment of new bishops, which

the Communist government seeks to influence, is a principal point of contention. This month, the death of the hishop of Nitra, Jan Pasztor, put the number of vacancies back at

The government, following a 300-year tra-dition, licenses and pays the country's Roman Catholic priests. Catholic orders of priests and nuns are repressed, priestly activities are limited and efforts are made to gain control of church affairs through a statesponsored priests' organization, Pacem in

Government talks with the Vatican that were scheduled for early this month were postponed indefinitely, and a further shadow

was cast over prospects for an accord when a Vatican envoy attending Bishop Pasztor's funeral, Archbishop Francesco Colasuonno, returned to the Vatican without meeting govemment officials.

Foreign diplomats and Czechoslovaks said the government's intransigence appeared insingly to be at cross-purposes with a new Soviet liberality toward religion.

During a visit to Hungary this month, Alexander N. Yakovlev, a Soviet Politburo member and a close associate of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, paid homage to Catholic tradition by meeting the leader of Hun-gary's Roman Catholic Church, Cardinal Laszlo Paskai, in Esztergom, the traditional seat of Hungarian Catholicism.

In Prague last week, people close to the church leadership said that Mr. Yakoviev had expressed interest in meeting Cardinal Francisck Tomasck, 89, the embattled leader of the Czechoslovak church.

But the government prevailed on the Soviet official to meet only representatives of Pacem

Diplomats who attended Mr. Navratil's hearing said that psychiatrists testified that he suffered from a kind of paranoia under which, the psychiatrists said, he compulsively

criticized government policy. Courts had committed him for psychiatric care twice

# **Bush Brushes Aside Questions on Medicare Cuts**

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine - President-elect George Bush said Friday that be would quickly turn his attention to cutting the U.S. deficit, but be brushed aside questions on reports that he may attempt to trim \$3.5 billion to \$5 hillion from Medicare.

"I keep reading in the papers a lot of things I'm supposed to be doing that I don't know anything about," Mr. Busb said during a shopping trip while on a four-day Thanksgiving vacation at his family's oceanside retreat.

Mr. Bush indicated that he had made no decisions yet on budget cuts. "Don't make judgments based on stories that don't really have any authority behind them," he said.

A spokesman, Stephen Hart, said that suggestions on cuts in the Medicare health insurance program for the elderly were "completely speculative."

Sources close to the vice president, who spoke on condition of

Italian Sailor Killed in Fire The Assistated Press ROME - A fire killed a sailor

Friday aboard an Italian frigate recently returned from the Gulf to northwest ftaly, the navy said.

onymity, said that the selection submits his final budget to Conof a defense secretary remained un-certain. They said that Mr. Bush's advisers were deeply divided on John Tower of Texas, the former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, as a possible can-

didate for the post. Mr. Bush has given few clues, but in recent days he has appeared to discourage suggestions that he would choose Mr. Tower.

The president-elect declined to comment on reports that his administration would go along with billions of dollars' worth of Medicare cuts expected to be proposed when President Ronald Reagan

that, on the first day of his presidency, be would appoint negotia-

tors to meet with members of Congress on budget cuts. Richard G. Darman, his choice

as budget director, suggested a strategy in which Mr. Bush would refrain from submitting his own draft of the Reagan budget, but instead would work behind the scenes with Congress to forge a

compromise. But Mr. Darman has also said that Medicare was an area where Mr. Bush would look for savings. offset by cutbacks in others.

gress in January.

Mr. Bush said earlier this week \$97.7 billion in fiscal 1990, which starts Oct. 1. That figure represents an increase of 14.5 percent over the current year and a growth rate four times the expected rate of overall inflation. Mr. Bush has insisted that he

Without changes, Medicare is

would not support any form of tax increase and would seek to reduce the \$150 federal billion budget deficit with a "flexible freeze" on spending. Such a freeze would hold overall spending at the level of inflation, with spending in new areas

# BUSH: He Starts to Set Himself Apart From Reagan

(Continued from page 1)

reached back to the Ford era for figures such as Mr. Scowcroft, and the people he has selected to carry on have been notable for the moderation of their views.

Few ideologues, so far at least, have caught his eye as he searches for talent.

Comparing the events of this transition to the one eight years ago, it is hard to find on Mr. Bush's list anyone who will go into office

with as radical an agenda as those choosing his key associates. He inbrought in 1980 by Attorney General Edwin Meese 3d and Secretary and the record since World War II of the Interior James G. Watt.

Rather, Mr. Bush, seems to be shaping a team more on the models of two other Republican predecessors. Dwight D. Eisenhower and

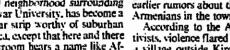
Mr. Ford. Mr. Bush bristled a bit when it was suggested by a questioner at the news conference on Wednesday that he was moving slowly in

bears him out

Mr. Eisenhower set the standard. completing the selection of his cabinet by Dec. 1, 1952.

But John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan all waited until December before naming a single cabinet member, and Mr. Reagan was still





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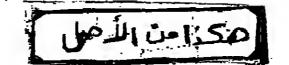
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# Pre-Columbian Art's Allure

N EW YORK — Objects do not sell easily without the backdrop of a great culture to which buyers can relate in some way. This was repeatedly demonstrated in Sotheby's sale on Monday of pre-Columbian art, which met all the conditions for an auction to turn into a success story. Indeed, it went as well as things possibly can in this field, with proceeds exceeding \$1.1 million and a minimal failure rate of 10.5 percent.

The day was saved for Sotheby's because its experts. Stacy Goodman and Fatma Turkkan-Wille, had the good fortune and talent to attract an unusually high proportion of works of art from

#### SOUREN MELIKIAN

private owners. Among these, the late Arthur N. Seiff, whose widow had consigned some of the most impressive works in the anction, acted like a magnet on his fellow collectors.

Seiff, a Manhattan lawyer who specialized in negligence cases, was a legendary figure. To the poor he was the ultimate recourse for legal help in desperate cases they could not afford to fight in court - those close to him say he waived fees on more than one occasion. To the rich, Seiff was the model collector who started in the early days, driven by a passion for a well-defined aesthetic area, the quasi-Cubist art of the Mezcala culture. so designated after a village in the state of Guerre-

ro, south of Mexico City.

The suction included a series of these highly stylized stone figures believed to have been executed around 300-100 B.C. They were acquired, his wife says, mostly between 1956 and 1961. To fellow collectors, the pieces that have been ont of the market for so long, are graced with an aura. Add that the most important ones had been seen in exhibitions, were illustrated in catalogues, and had spent the last few years at the Metropolitan Museum, and the attraction becomes powerful indeed.

The effect is explosive concerning those pieces that are the top in their category while tying in at the same time with familiar aesthetics. It is no accident if the most expensive object in the sale was one of Seiff's Cubist-looking stone figures from the Mezcala culture. As Turkkan-Wille put it after the sale, "In a pre-Columbian art history

class, this would be the first slide on the screen. It was first seen in the 1965 exhibition at the Finch College Museum of Art, titled "Guerrero," and was featured in 1969 in the epoch-making Precolumbian Art in New York, Selections from Private Collections" at the Museum of Primitive Art, It was then ensconced in the permanent display of pre-Columbian art in the Metropolitan from 1981 until last summer, when Sotheby's staff recovered it for the sale. A Los Angeles collector acting through an agent outhid a South African collector, fighting it out to the tune of \$88,000, the world record for a Mezcala figure, and more than

twice the high estimate. On the other hand, when familiar aesthetic references are lacking, the private collection factor belos but does little more than save the work from failure. A striking case was a burnished ware bird vase of the "late Classic" phase of Mayan art which I would rate among the three or four most beautiful works of art from pre-Columbian America I have seen in the last decade. The head of the bird, a turkey with wings carved in low relief with scrolling motifs, is handled in a way that calls to



This Mayan bird vase sold for \$66,000.

mind the figural bronzes of 6th- to 5th-century B.C. China.

The bird, which was part of a group consigned for sale by a collector and his wife who had sold their large Chicago residence, sold - but only just. At \$66,000, it matched the reserve thanks to a New York dealer with a great eye for pre-Columbian

art, Edward Merrin, who was unable to resist it.
The same fate befell another piece of Mayan art sent for sale by the same Chicago collector. The black burnished ware bowl with its ontside surface divided into halves by an S-shaped line, one half a plain black, the other half carved with stylized motifs. It went for \$27,500, the low estimate, just managing to make it to the reserve. Considering that only two other pieces with similar swirling carving have been recorded, one in the Denver Art Museum, the other in the Dumbarton Oaks Foundation in Washington, the price is low.

True, one of them, the Lowe Art Museum, affiliated with the University of Miami, was inspired by its director and quasi solo curatorial member, Ira Licht, to move on a silver disk with complex and seething figural decoration from the Chimu culture. Estimated at \$8,000 to \$12,000 plus premium, it rose to \$23,200. But the object is unique - neither Turkkan-Wille nor the knowledgeable Santi Micali, owner of the Galerie Mermoz in Paris, could remember anything like it.

However, even the unique quality was not quite enough to boost some works. A polychrome bottle engraved on the body with confronting feline heads, and belonging to late Chavin period, circa 700-400 B.C., sold for \$11,000, one-third below the low estimate. Granting that estimates were often too high, the object remains quite inexpensive. Objects that were both unique and cheap fared no better,

To have the full picture, it should be emphasized that auctions play a minor role in this field where nearly all top pieces are processed by the trade. At the Paris Biennale, in late September, the Galerie Mermoz displayed a group consisting of a seated character, a seated dog, and a reclining dog of the Remojadas-type in Veracruz around 250-750, re-puted to all have been found in the same cache. The asking price was around \$600,000. It was sold within three days and outshines anything at auc-

tion in recent years. There are many more pieces negotiated behind closed doors without ever surfacing publicly. That is the problem for the auction houses trying to handle pre-Columbian art. They raise the curtain but most of the action is played elsewhere.

# Argento's 'Aspern' Opera Hailed in Dallas '

DALLAS - The world prein Dallas was a major event, both artistically and in the annals of this city's opera company. The Dallas Opera first began to earn an international reputation 32 years ago projected Stockholm premiere of the opera two years hence. introducing singers to America who were later to become world-Vickers, Berganza, Domingo, Ca-

commissioned by the enterprising company. Basing himself on the Henry James novella, the 60-year-old composer — who was also the libreitisi — expanded the story, which takes place in 1895, by the ingenious device of adding scenes of his own that are dramaturgically linked to James's original, but setting them in 1835. Aspera becomes not the poetic genius of the origi-nal, but a gifted young composer cut Rut of the same temperamental cloth as Vincenzo Bellini, who also died young. Transferring the story from Venice to Lake Como, where Bellini and Rossini, the impresario Barbaja, the diva Giuditta Pasta and the publisher Ricordi all had

literature to opera. The "Papers" of the title became a campleted masterpiece by Aspern, the opera "Medea," which the young genius's mistress - the prima donna Juliana - had suppressed for 60 years after the composer drowned while attempting to swim across the lake to gratify his

villas, he retained the watery ambi-

ence but shifted the accent from

infatuation for the young singer. Central to the plot is the role of Juliana, whom we see in alternate scenes as an aged, short-tempered recluse and as the magnetic singing star at the height of her career, a double role that became an operatic tour de force for that consummate artist Elisabeth Söderström, The Swedish soprano was on stage for almost every scene of the opera in one of her incarnations — the old or young Juliana, or her antici-pated assumption of the title role in 'Medea," the plot of which is echoed in the fates of the "Aspern" characters. She got an ovation from the Dallas audience after the final dream scene as the sorceress rejected by Jason for a younger rival. It was a role she would never play, as by that time that action had moved to 1895 and her niece Tina (Frederica von Stade) was burning "Medea" page by page after having failed to entice the Lodger/Musi-

cologist (Richard Stillwell) into a

By James Helme Sutcliffe marriage that would have made the musical summit of Argento's Aspern Papers his as well. miere of Dominick Argeuto's 14th opera, "The Aspern Papers,"

The close of the opera was moving not only on its own terms, but As in all true operas, he creates because it was Soderström's fare-well to the operatic stage, at least in out diffusing the all too human the United States, It is hoped that story of love and trust misplaced, she will relent long enough to re- of opportunities missed, of life itcreate the role of Juliana in the self. Comedy touches were found The work was composed for these three artists, and it was von (John Calvin West) which show the

renowned — Sutherland, Horne, Stade's tour with Neville Marriner and the Minneapolis Orchestra five Papers" is the first opera to be song cycle "Casa Guidi," that made the composer decide to create an opera for her special talents. With her enchanting stage presence and luscious mezzo soprano, she creative years. "From Text to Per-too captivated the audience as the formance," held at Southern Methtouching Tina, who loses her last

composer Aspern, and his big "love duet" with Juliana in the second of two acts, after the latter knows that

tender, reflective and lyric-romantic score, rich in instrumental color. too in the scenes involving the impresario Barelli (the superb bass Eric Halfvarson), and the painter source of the portrait of Aspern that Juliana later tries to sell to the

The world premiere of the opera was accompanied by a parallel symposium on Henry James, who lived in Britain for most of his creative years. "From Text to Perodist University, was highlighted Chance of marital happiness.

The tenor Neil Rosenshein creat
by lectures by Professor Leon Edel and other James experts. Added to ed the role of the passionate young all of this activity was the annual conference of the Metropolitan Opera Guild's Central Opera Ser-

James Helme Sutcliffe is a Berlin-



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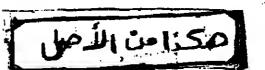
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# Gérard's Iron Chronicles of the Industrial Era

MANNHEIM, West Germany The works of the French sculptor Michel Gérard that are currently on view at the Mannheim Kunsthalie (to Jan. 14) offer a significant example of what might be described as the drift of "meaning" in art over the last decade.

Gérard was born in 1938 and in his late 30s he could still be regarded as a hard-core conceptualist. Even then, however, he was working with materials as thoroughly demanding and conceptual as stainless steel. What made the conceptual label stick was the type of subject he chose. Much of his work at the time was devoted to large steel pedestals, intentionally cracked or flawed and inscribed with the name of Hegel or some other eminent figure of the past.

The meaning of such works were clear to anyone who had followed the European intellectual debate of the past 30 years. In a sense, Gérard was a premature post-modernist, and the import of his pedestals was that the days of intellectual heroes and all-encompassing systems were over.

One might readily agree with the drift of his statement yet still feel that a notion that can be so clearly expressed in words did not really need to be cast in blocks of steel. And it is interesting to see that Gérard has gradually forsaken this approach and has turned to somehing quite different, more enig-natic, and which cannot be quite o readily formulated.

In recent years he has been working almost exclusively with very arge and heavy slabs of iron which shapes beneath industrial hyaulic presses that bring 12,000 tons of pressure to bear on the redhot lump of metal. The result of such work can be seen in handsome sets of vertical plates, some encrusted with small stainless steel mirrors, or in heavier items, shaped at high temperature by Gérard and

Gerard still tends to have what the French call "a theoretical discourse," but the discourse no longer manages to wrap the work up in its folds, Instead, something always seems to remain unaccounted for, and this makes his recent work so much more effective.

His largest creation to date is nearing completion in Saarbrück-

Michel Gérard's iron construction "Wanderings of a Caspar David," being built in Saarbrücken.

surrounding grounds is still under

en, on a piece of land that was cally complete but the work on the a monumental study of Ernst's colformerly an island in the Saar River surrounding grounds is still under lages, first in German in 1974, and but which has since World War II been connected to the riverbank.

Important steelworks occupied the island, which was also the site of a coal mine, until heavy bombing destroyed the whole installation during the war. The site remained a wasteland and an evesore for more than 40 years: Only in the 1980s was work begun to turn it into a park and recreation area.

Gérard sees himself as a witness of what he calls "the decline of the industrial era." He believes that the history of this period should not be forgotten by the societies that have been marked by its passage, and he conceived his work at Saarbrücken - titled "Wanderings of a Caspar David" - as a memorial of this

A team of four steelworkers was placed at his disposal and together, in a large industrial forge, they hammered a total of 80 tons of hot iron into powerful shapes which, Gérard says, are suggestive of vari-ous technical aspects of mine work (stays, drills and so forth) while also containing a reference to "ce-

The environment is now practi-

same sources as the collages. This connection is made apparent in the catalogue, which reproduces the text of Spies's book and also includes his study of some of Ernst's The collages can seem both en-tertaining and mildly disquieting.

But when they were first produced they probably appeared much more disquieting and not entertain-ing at all. In many of them, particularly in works such as "La Femme 100 tête," Ernst chose to use the staid settings favored in French and German 19th century maga-zine engravings — a street, a bedroom, a living room - and by the simple process of collage, to intro-duce an irrational and preferably frightening association of images. He achieved this by inserting elements from a different context, such as images from scientific magazines. The general uniformity of style of such illustrations also selped to create a sense of unity in

Ernst also used other sources on occasion, including details from the prints of Gustave Dore which added a melodramatic tone, in stark contrast to the frequently somber but "normal" settings in which he placed them

A oumber of interpretations suggest themselves to the viewer. Spies evokes the fact that Ernst was very early familiar with the ideas of Sigmund Freud, and that be was motivated by a revolutionary ardor and a conviction to disrupt the then dominant and conventional view of

But since there is no way of limiting a work of art to any single meaning, even if this meaning happens to be favored by the artist himself, one is entitled to imagine that, beneath the apparent, well systematized and rationalized interpretation,there may lie others, even more relevant in artistic

Works such as "La Femme 100 tête" (a pun on "la semme sans tête," or "the headless woman")

An exhibition organized by Spies can be perceived as a rebellion not and currently at the Tubingen only against the powers that be, but Kunsthalle assembles more than also as an assault against the imagi-250 items, dated from 1917 to 1974. native positivism of the day, echothat are either collages or related to ing in Hamlet's famous line that collage in some way: for as he demonstrates, a number of familiar earth than were dreamed of in Hopaintings also borrowed from the ratio's philosophy.

The point is all the more relevant because, even though mentalities have changed considerably since the days in which Ernst produced his first important body of works, the temptation to restrict one's perception of the world to comfortable commonplaces is something encountered, not only in Horatio's masters, not only in the system that Ernst mocked and reviled, but also in our own times and minds.

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"In the 19th century, the piano was the most important piece of furniture in the home," said Kal-man Detrich, the founder. A piano might cost a year's savings, he said, but was "a symbol of success and of a family's values."

of a family's values.

Detrich, who sells pianos oext door, founded the museum in 1984 to expand and share his private collection with a wider andience. About 20 pianos built between 1790 and 1940 are on display.

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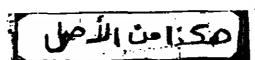
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In December of last year the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party adopted a resolution on "Complex Restructuring of Economic Mechanism and its Safeguarding," a cumbersome title that belied the efficiency with which changes were being made. Less than four months later there were major shifts in the government of Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal's key ministries.

The reformers went into action

Czechoslovakian "prestavba" — which officially began at the end of 1987 — is slightly different from Russian "perestroika" although both mean restructuring, less ideological euphoria and more realism.

too swiftly for certain Party theorists, prompting General Secretary Milos Jakes to announce that a gentle brake would be applied to the reforming zeal. A new Prime Minister was appointed, the 62-year-old Ladislav Adamec, who appears to favor planning from the center.

As Jaromir Matejka, deputy-secretary for planning in the Government Council for Management of the National Economy, explained: "An efficient central administration remains a necessity. This has been proved recently by developments in Yugoslavia and Poland. If things are not kept in hand there will be unpleasant consequences."

There was no disputing the fundamental need for economic reform in Czechoslovakia. Seventy years after the foundation of an independent republic and 40 years after the "Victorious February" which brought the Communist Party to prises entitled to deal directly with customers abroad. Profits will be taxed but only after due allowance has been made for additional social benefits for the work force.

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A further loosening of the still rigid economic structure will be permitted in the field of arts and crafts. Individuals and families will be granted authorization to work privately. The same will apply to a limited extent in the fields of services, restaurants and transports.



Ladislav Adamec, named Prime Minister on October 11, 1988.

# A kavarna (café) in central Prague. Academy of Science

Transcends Politics

The importance of basic and applied research for all sectors of Czechoslovak society is expressed in the articles of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences (CSAV). A lot of the credit for improvements in the Czechoslovak economy must go to research and development under the auspices of CSAV within the last ten years.

With direct antecedents going back to the eighteenth century Royal Bohemian Society of Sciences, CSAV has its strongest links with parallel institutions in fellow socialist countries, particularly the Soviet Union and Bulgaria. Its president, Academician Josef Riman, is convinced that "knowledge is integral" rather than bound by political divisions. He has purposely been sterpping up cooperation with "Western" bodies. Last year alone 16 agreements on international cooperation were in force with the British Royal Society, America's National Academy of Sciences and NASA, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Austria, and research institutes in half a dozen other, mainly West European, countries.

The Academy, based in Prague but with institutes in many parts of the country, pursues an active international cooperation policy on all major projects, such as those organized by the United Nations and the International Council of Scientific Unions. Since it has limited means at its disposal, the policy of CSAV is to concentrate on fields where there is the most chance of success. These currently include environmental research, the forecasting of global changes, and a study of the effects of science and technology in general on human health and the overall quality of life.

Another promising field in which export licenses have been booming is plasma physics technology, which is of great significance for the future of thermonuclear hydrophilic gels, above all for soft contact lenses. Even today, more than 20 years after their synthesis by the Czech chemist Otto Wichterle, the gels offer a wide range of possibilities for use in human medicine and for further receases.

# Opening the Foreign Trade Doors Wider

Change has been sweeping through the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade. In common with all central bodies, the ministry has had to make staffing cuts of nearly 30 percent; 160 staff posts (out of a total of 580) have so far been relocated this year.

Jan Sterba, the minister, managed the move so skillfully there were no protests. The mood now is one of efficiency. Mr. Sterba's press spokesman, Jindrich Lacko, explained the immediate objective as "helping to make the [Czechoslovak] economy more penetrable."

Although the terms of trade are steadily becoming more favorable, Forty years after the establishment of a monopoly in foreign trade, it was acknowledged that international and internal political changes demanded revision of the external economic policy.

there is no time to be lost. With the rapid approach of the integrated European market, Czechoslovakia is too small to negotiate with Brussels on its own. It must nonetheless be in a position to support a joint approach via the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA).

At present Czechoslovakia's foreign trade turnover is mainly with the CMEA. More than three-quarters of all foreign trade is done with the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, while only one-sixth is with developed capitalist countries. Czechoslovakia's main strengths heavy machinery, engineering and means of transport—are seriously underrepresented. Mr. Lacko sees elements of unfair discrimination in this situation. COCOM regulations hinder Czechoslovakia's access to

power, the country's gross national

product was stagnating. "If we had gone on this way," said Mr. Ma-

tejka, "it would have led to a major

depression, with inevitable political

January 1, 1991 is the date set for

completion of full transition to a

new economic structure. During the

intervening period all vital laws in-

fluencing economic management

are being amended. The first step in this direction was the enactment of

the State Enterprise Act and of laws

regulating the cooperative sphere, which took effect in July.

Individual enterprises now have

much more responsibility and can

act independently within the national guidelines. Prices will be de-

termined by supply and demand, with phased reductions in what are

now regarded as undesirable subsi-

dies from the state budget. Compe-

tition will be encouraged and enter-

and social implications."

some top-quality products, which is felt to be incompatible with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). On the other hand, absence of a most-favored-nation clause is unjustly linked, as Prague sees it, to political considerations.

"We would be ready to do a lot more business with the United States," says Mr. Lacko, "but commercial cooperation is being blocked in many branches." The current wave of reform in foreign trade includes expanding the field of enterprises entitled to do business abroad and the possibility of joint ventures with foreign companies, such as one begun between the national tourist agency Cedok and the Austrian contractors Warimpex.



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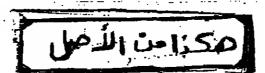
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# Tourist Trade Gathers Momentum

Nowhere is the mood of renewal in the Czechoslovak economy more apparent than in the field of tourism. Since the beginning of the year, more and more Czechs and Slovaks are traveling abroad to "hard-currency" countries. At the same time, gargantuan efforts are being made to improve facilities in the main Czechoslovak tourist sites.

the number of beds within the next seven years. One four-star Forum hotel (527 rooms) was opened this summer next to the Prague Palace of Culture; another (with 222 rooms) is scheduled to go into service early next year in the center of the Slovak capital, Bratislava,

On-the-spot issuing of visas at frontier posts and at Prague Airport after January 1, 1989 should make traveling to Czechoslovakia much simpler. Reforms of the confusing two-tier currency exchange rate are

This basic reassessment of tourist needs has been undertaken, accord- had 15 million tourists from the

In "Golden" Prague, luxury hotel ing to Oldrich Freidinger, deputy director for international tourism, because the existing policy had been fnund inadequate. Ever since the 1950s the focus had been on "social tourism" with little concern for the commercial aspects of the trade. It was laudable to make spas such as Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad) and Marianske Lazne (Marienbad) available to cooperative groups, but the potential for raising hard currency was thus lost. This is all being changed now and in Karlovy Vary, for in-

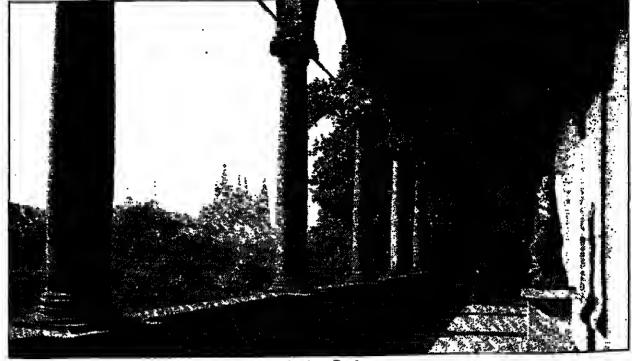
> installed to attract a different category of visitors. Whereas in 1987 Czechoslovakia

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socialist countries of Eastern Europe, only one tenth that number came from Western Europe and nverseas. The aim is tn achieve a more even balance and make it easier for Czechoslovak citizens to travel abroad; the demand currently is high but currency allocations are

Jan Kolarik, senior vice-president of Cedok Travel and Hotel Corporation, the country's most active travel bureau with more than 20,000 employees, sees the need for a much more flexible pricing policy in the Czechoslovak tourist trade. Joint ventures are increasingly important, he thinks, with the assurance for investors of speedy returns on the capital they put into hotel building and other projects. Innovative and untraditional ideas are at a premium. Marketing strategies for the future must incorporate forwardlooking technologies and equipment

A great potential for expansinn exists in the Slovak Republic where, in addition to the historic city of Bratislava on the Danube, the High



Hradcany Castle seen from Prague's lovely Belvedere Park.

CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES

Tatra mountains (Vysoke Tatry) represent one of the best winter sports and hunting districts in Central Eurnpe

Prague remains the great attraction, though, for all visitors to Czechoslovakia, and this year, for the first time, in addition to all the regular artistic and musical attractions, a Christmas street fair will be staged (from December 20 to 24) in

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# Technological Renewal Activating the Capital

Czechoslovakia's most important branch of industry is engineering and electrotechnology, which employs 1.3 million people or almost 40 percent of the country's total industrial work force. It is widely felt that restructuring of the sector is necessary.

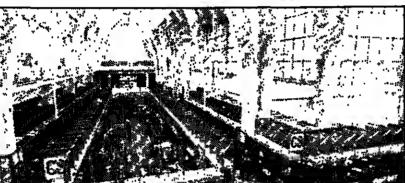
ments were merged into one Feder- experts to perfect the design of the al Ministry of Metallurgy, Engi- new-generation Voronezh reactor neering and Electronics. The new by the addition of as yet undisbody symbolizes the turnaround in industrial thinking that is sweeping through the capital. In the fields of metallurgy and machine-tool construction the priority is to limit dependence on raw materials and to reduce the amount of the energy consumed by antiquated produc-tion methods. These are leading increasingly to reduced competitiveness for Czechoslovak products on world markets. Ministry officials are fully aware, however, that several years will be needed for completion of this process.

Nuclear power is seen as an essential element. Much capital bas been invested in the construction of nuclear plants with VVER 440 reactors incorporating exceptional safety precautions. Now work is progressing on production of components for VVER 1000-type reactors and on radioactive waste disposal through "calcination." The Skoda-Plzen Engineering Works

In spring this year three Depart- makes use of the services of Soviet

dow for Czechoslovak industry is the Engineering Fair held every September in Brno, the capital of Moravia. The springtime version of the Brno Fair emphasizes consumer goods and will be an opportunity to present the latest addition to the Skoda Motorcar Division productinn range. Italy and West Germany contributed to the design of this 'Favorit" family salon.

This willingness to look abroad for innovative technology is being encouraged by the new three-in-one Ministry in Prague. Many sorts of turn-key installations from Czechoslovakia are big export hits. There is



Brno's well attended Engineering Fair pavilion.

closed security factors in the encasement and the cooling system. Some of these features are being incorporated in the existing Czechoslovak nuclear power station at Bohunice and in the next one already at an advanced stage of construction in

The most important shop-win-

hardly a country in the world, for instance, without a Czechoslovak brewery plant, but when the need arises to automate production the control systems supplied simply do not meet requirements and have to be replaced. Whence Czechoslovakia's all-out drive to attract Western

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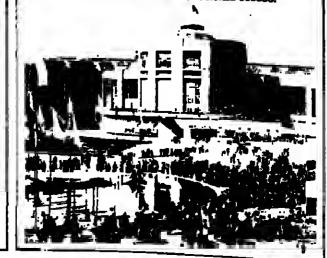
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# Bohemian Crystal: Fragile Art Endures

The eighteenth century downtown castle in Liberec, the north Bohemian cultural metropolis, clearly has a destiny — as a mecca for glass lovers.

Forty-year-old GLASS-EXPORT, one of Czechoslovakia's most successful foreign trade organizations, has made the building its headquarters. Buyers from all over the world flock here on pilgrimages to inspect the showrooms of this "Glass Castle" and the display of over 25,000 items from all over Czechoslovakia

The samples intended for export cover the whole range of glass made in



glass from Liberec.

Slovakia. Hand-blown lead crystal, soda-lime pressed glass, laboratory and technical containers, household flat-glass, and optical fibers for hightech applications are all exhibited here.

The Bohemian glassmaking tradition, going back 600 years, still represents a major attraction in the country in spite of the contemporary re-cycle or throw-away attitude toward this commodity.

Bohemia, Moravia and

Nowadays there is con-

siderable competition among the country's artists specializing in decorative and everyday glass. Intricately faceted carvings are still being produced in Bohemia, as well

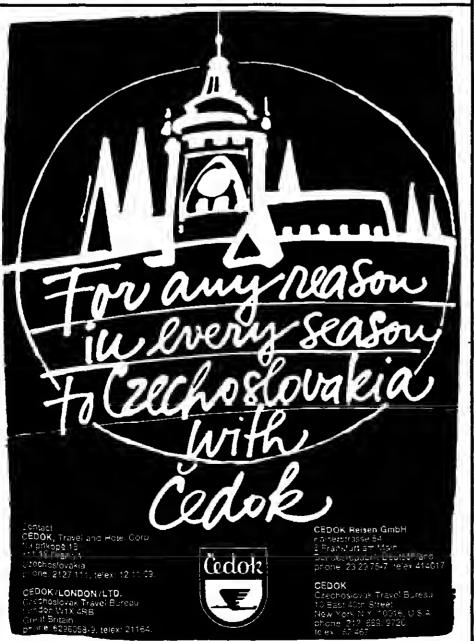
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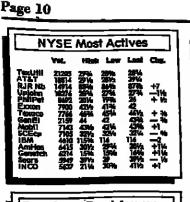
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are the Harrachov Glassworks. In constant production on the same spot for over 275 years, it uses the same basic techniques as in the early days for delicate hand-blown glassware. Today the kilns are heated by gas rather than wood in this reginn of rapidly diminishing forest near the Krknose mountains.

The Harrachov Glass-

works introduced the system of self-financing last year as soon as it was permitted and a spirit of teamwork is evident. There is some uncertainty about what the most recent economic reforms will bring but the glassblowers in Harrachov remain optimistic. Theirs is a skilled trade which will surely survive the winds of change.





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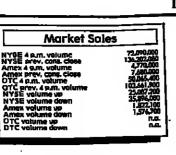
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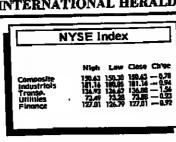
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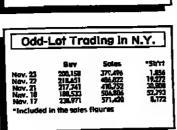
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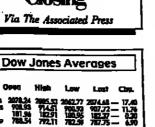


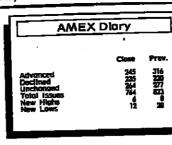
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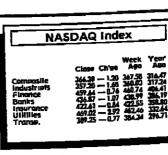
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# NYSE Lower in Slow Trading

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed broadly lower Friday in the slowest trading session of the year, as ecopomic concerns gave investors an excuse not to return to the market after the Thanksgiving Day

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had risen 14.58 points on Wednesday, fell 17.60 to close at 2,074.68. For the week, however, the 30stock index gained 12.27 points.

Declines led advances by about a 7-5 ratio. Volume was a 72.09 million shares, down from 112.01 million on Wednesday.

Broader market indexes also declined. The NYSE composite index fell 0.78 to close at 150.63. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 1.77 to close at 267.23. The price of an average share lost 16 cents

Analysts said the market was shaken by rising oil prices and the prospect of inflation as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries neared agreement on a new production quota. Falling bond prices also caused nervousness.

Ricky Harrington, technical analyst with Interstate Securities Corp. in Charlotte, North Carolina, said that while oil stocks have rallied this week on news of the prospective OPEC production cuts, a continuation of such activity was doubtful because such accords were often quickly violated.

Mr. Harrington said the market's decline was also a continuation of an earlier drop in share prices in London, which followed the release of data showing a sharp rise in the British current account deficit for October.

Britain immediately raised its commercial lending rates Friday by 1 percentage point to 13

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to increase the discount rate.

Both Mr. Latimer and Mr. Harrington said concern over the dollar's weakness and the U.S. trade and budget deficits also were weighing on

Mr. Harrington added, however, that any move in prices Friday was likely to be magnified by low participation after the Thanksgiving Day holiday on Thursday.

Texas Utilities was the most active issue, we have done of 12824. hanged at 28%.

AT&T Co. followed, unchanged at 294. RJR Nabisco was third, up 14 to 88. Among blue chips, General Electric was off % to 434, General Motors was off % to 82% and

Sears was off 1/2 to 391/2. Among takeover-related issues, Interco was up % to 68% and San Diego Gas & Electric was up 1% to 381/2. The utility received a sweetened takeover offer from SCE Corp. earlier this

In the oil sector, Phillips Petroleum was up % to 20%, Texaco up % to 46%, Mobil up 1 to 43%, Amerada Hess up 1 to 30% and Chevron up 1 to 45%. Among airline stocks, which would pay higher fuel costs if less oil were produced, AMR was off 1/2 to 49% and Delta was off 1/4 to 47.

Stock prices closed higher in slow trading on the American Stock Exchange, helped by a rise in the oil issues.

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#### **ECONOMIC SCENE**

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26-27, 1988

# Deadlock Over U.S. Budget Can Only Hurt the Market

By LEONARD SILK New York Times Service

EW YORK -A deadlock between the Bush administration and Congress looms on how to cut the budget deficit. James C. Miller 3d, until recently President Ronald Reagan's director of the Office of Management and Budget and a veteran of budgetary battles, expects the deadlock to last until September, the end of the current fiscal year. If that happens, it will make 1989 a harrowing year for the

President-elect George Bush said this week that he would open budget negotiations with Congress on his first day in office. But Mr. Bush reaffirmed his commitment not to raise taxes. He continues to declare that the One prediction is a

stalemate lasting until

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American people voted against having their taxes in-

The Democratic majority in Congress will not take the initiative of proposing a tax in-crease, which they would expect Mr. Busb to veto and which they probably could not override. They will vote for raising taxes only if Mr. Bush takes the initiative and does not try

to fix the blame on them. Without a tax increase, the job of hringing down the budget deficit to \$100 billion in 1990, required by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law, looks impossible. Mr. Miller believes that Mr. Bush, unlike Mr. Reagan, would stand still for "sequestering" of excess expenditures, half out of military spending and half out of civilian spending.

This would not displease many conservatives, like Mr. Miller, who have long regarded tax cuts and the budget deficit itself as powerful instruments for forcing reductions in the size and role of

Mr. Miller has become a Distinguished Fellow of Citizens for a Sound Economy, a public-interest lobby that says it has 250,000 members "pledged to prevent further tax increases on their hard-carned dollars and to protect their economic freedoms and the freedoms of a productive and competitive marketplace."

F MR. BUSH sticks to his oo-tax-increase line, as seems probable, the battle over which expenditures to cut is likely to produce the stalemate Mr. Miller expects, given the huge size of the cuts required and the differences between Republicans and Democrats over priorities.

The task of negotiating compromises with Congress oo spend-ing will fall, first and foremost, to Richard G. Darman, chosen by Mr. Bush as his budget director, Mr. Bush promised that he himself would take a hand in the oegotiations with Congress.

Some leading political experts, led by Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter, have been trying to persuade Mr. Bush that achieving a budget solution, which they regard as urgent, will be impossible unless both revenues and taxes are oo the table. That was also the conclusion reached this week by a bipartisan group of political and civic leaders, economists, national security experts and others after three days of discussions at the 75th American Assembly in Harriman, New York. This group was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to bring together well-informed Americans in an effort to reach a consensus oo

critical issues. It said, "The most urgent economic problem facing the new administration is reducing the deficit in the federal budget. This is erucial for stabilizing financial markets throughout the world and setting the United States oo a course for regaining equilibri-2m in its external trade and payments and thereby reducing its heavy and growing dependence on foreign borrowing."

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# China and South Korea Are Moving Closer, Unofficially

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Service
BEIJING — Chinese maps still show a single Korea, with its capital in the oorth. But mapmakers and nearly everyone else in China are very conscious of Seoul and the rest of South Korea.

Although China and South Korea do not have diplomatic relations, their informal relations, while largely unacknowl-

edged, are growing rapidly.

Trade is booming and investment is rising sharply. Ships are moving cargoes between the two countries and business executives and economists are exchange e visits.

Trade between China and South Korea will total \$3 billion to \$4 billion this year, about double last year's level, and far more than the \$513 million in 1987 trade between China and North Korea, economists have estimated.

Most of the trade is indirect, through Hong Kong and Japan. But Korean and Chinese sources say some South Korean ships flying Panamanian or Liberian flags go directly from the Korean ports of Pusan or Inchon to the Chinese ports of Tianjin, Lianyungang or Dalian.
Yet the relationships remain notably

unofficial. Behind an unmarked door in Beijing's Janguo Hotel, for example, South Korea's Daewoo Group has been operating an unofficial office since July.

It was set up as a vanguard for an operation that could include substantial

nvestments in Chinese industry. This summer Daewoo opened a factory in Fujian Province that will produce

out 100,000 refrigerators a year. Its out-put is expected to double next year. Daewoo also is considering another refrigerator factory of the same size in Shandong Province, as well as two large

l'actories to make refrigerator compres-

In addition, the group would like to invest at least \$1 billion in a plant that would produce more than 300,000 auto-mobiles a year, said Willie K. Park, who heads the Daewoo office in Beijing.

Among other projects Daewoo is considering, he said, are a giant petrochemi-

Nearby, at the Beijing Hotel, a South Korean rival, Samsung Group, bas opened its unofficial outpost. Both companies' offices are staffed by

cal plant and a personal computer fac-

Korean-Americans who hold U.S. pass-ports and nominally represent Hong Kong companies that are actually units of Daewoo or Samsung. Investments also are made in the name of Hong Kong or U.S. subsidiaries.

A survey by the Federation of Korean Industries has suggested that 75 percent of South Korea's large companies are interested in investing in China. The blossoming relationships are

something of an embarrassment for the Chinese government, which refuses to recognize South Korea and speaks glowingly of its friendship with Communist

But North Korea has been closer to the Soviet Union than to China, and in the last decade China has appeared exasperated by North Korea's reluctance to liberalize its economy as well as its foreign

relations. "The Chinese-South Korean relationship is developing very rapidly, especially in trade and maybe in sports and academic exchanges," said a Japanese diplomat in Beijing, "But in politics I think China will continue to pursue this very

prudently. Although China has not allowed South Korea to open a trade office in Beijing, it has proposed that South Korea and China's Shandong Province open reciprocal

trade offices. The Koreans have not yet formally accepted the idea.

So far, China has designated only Shandong to do business with South Ko-

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# **Harrods Inquiry** Declined

Case Will Not Go To Mergers Panel

LONDON — The government said Friday that it would not ask the mergers commission to exam-ine the 1985 takeover of Harrods department store by three Egyp-tian-born hrothers despite highly publicized calls for an investigation by a top British industrialist. The takeover fight for House of Fraser PLC, which owns the presti-

Analysts see a possible bid for Lourno by Bond Corp. Page 13.

gious Harrods store, pitted the Fayed hrothers against Roland W. (Tiny) Rowland, head of Lonrho PLC, When Mr. Rowland failed to win the bid, he called on the government to investigate the financing of the Fayeds' purchase of the

Company.

The government added in its statement Friday that a long-awaited report by government inspectors on the takeover would not be pub-lished until the Serious Frand Office, which is headed by the police, had completed its study of the case. The Department of Trade said

that the government report con-tained previously undisclosed facts about the takeover and that there might be further action. It said that Lord Young, the

trade and industry secretary, had Monopolies and Mergers Commissioo would not be appropriate." A spokesman for the Serious Fraud Office said: "We are investi-

gating various allegations. A director at Loorbo, Paul Spicer, said the government decision would allow the Fayeds to remain owners of House of Fraser.

"To us it seems like a major cov-

Mr. Rowland charged that the brothers had been helped in winning the bid for House of Fraser with financing from the Sultan of Brunei, a charge the Fayeds have denied. Still, Mr. Rowland continued a public campaign to force the

government to open an inquiry. In an appeals court Friday, Lonrho was given permission to challenge Lord Young's refusal to immediately publish the inspectors' report.

Loorbo, which bas interests ranging from mining to hotels, originally bid for House of Frascr and built up a 29.9 percent stake. But this was blocked by the mergers commission and the company sold off its stake to the Fayeds, who made a bid and won control.

# Wrigley Doubles Investor Pleasure

**Eschewing Diversification, It Sticks to Chewing Gum** 

By Eric N. Berg New York Times Service CH1CAGO — Compared with other food companies, William Wrigley Jr. Co. seems a throwback. Yet it is among the most successful companies in the

At a time when giant food con-glomerates are being formed through mergers. Wrigley continues to make one product; chewing gum. In an age when billions of dollars of debt are being heaped on food compa-nies' balance sheets, Wrigley is virtually debt-free.

Some investment professionals consider the company out-

right boxing.
"Wrigley is not a sexy company, and it never will be," said Harvey Eisen, president of Integrated Resources Asset Management, a firm with more than \$5 billion under management, There is, however, nothing dull about Wrigley's results.

Quarter after quarter, the company that brought America the Doublemint Twins and the ad line "Double Your Pleasure, Double Your Fun" has reported steadily increasing revenues and profits. In fact, Wrigley's ability to produce consistently positive results — and to pay sharehold-ers a dividend — has earned it a reputation among analysts as one of the best-run companies in

the United States, Net income for 1987 was \$70.1 million, about double the \$35.8 million of 1982. Earnings will rise again this year, to about \$85 million, analysts are estimating. Return on equity has jumped to 23.9 percent in 1987, from 14.6 oercent in 1982, and analysis expect it to exceed 30 percent this

Wrigley's 17.5 percent return oo assets is more than most com-panies earn on their equity. And Wrigley's market share, long at the top of the \$2.5 billion gum market, has risen to 46.5 percent, from 39.5 percent in 1980, industry surveys report.
"It's a classic textbook exam-

ple of, by our definition, the type of company we are looking for," Mr. Eisen said. "Wrigley is the opposite of two guys from New York wearing \$3,000 suits trying to decide how to carve up the

Wrigley's introduction of dozens of new gum flavors in recent years is a prime example of what marketing experts call "line ex-tension" — modifying an existing product slightly to develop, in effect, an entirely new prod-uct. And Wrigley's efforts to ex-pand the market for gum in the face of weak demand demonstrate how a company can emerge a winner, even in a ma-

The executive director of DFC,

He said DFC proposed to make

Friday was the final day for tenders, but the Treasury, which is

handling the sale, would not dis-

In an earlier tendering process, Qantas, BA, EIE and Brierley were

reported to have bid separately for

25 percent to 35 percent of the fully

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During that process, the New Zealand government announced

that Qantas had been accorded "preferred bidder" status. But last

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Wrigley has introduced several brands since 1892, but its fortune has been built on three popular flavors: Spearmint, top, in its 1915 packagee; Juicy Fruit, in an ad from 1970, and Doublemint, in the five-stick package introduced last year.

#### The Gum Market As of July 31. LAMBERT Maker of Trident and Chiclets WRIGLEY 29.5% 17.5% Maker of Beech-Nut and Care Free Source: William Blair & Co.

consider Wrigley the most exciting of companies, its shares do attract buyers.

Wrigley's stock fell as low as \$19.50 in late October 1987 after the market's crash but it had climbed as high as \$41 by early January. The stock has since retreated, and closed Wednesday at \$36.375, down 25 cents, on the New York Stock Exchange Analysis attribute Wrigley's

success to its management, in particular, to William Wrigley, 55, president and chief executi since 1961 and grandson of William Wrigley Jr., who founded the company in 1892. A quiet man who shuns publicity - be and other company

officials declined to be inter-

viewed for this article - Mr. See WRIGLEY, Page 13

# Fiat Cars Chief **Quits in Dispute** With Agnelli

TURIN - Vittorio Ghidella, credited with rescuing Fiat's auto division from the verge of collapse in the late 1970s, is resigning as chief executive of the auto group, Fiat said on Friday.

Fiat SpA, the biggest private in-dustrial group in Italy, said Mr. Ghidella, who headed the auto division for a decade, would leave the group by the end of the year.

Giovanni Agnelli, the chairman of Fiat, was quoted by a company spokesman as saying that Mr. Ghi-della's resignation resulted from a conflict over the "interpretation of the role of Fiat Auto within the

Fiat group."

According to the spokesman,
Mr. Agnelli told senior managers:
"For Ghidella, an anto-centered vision is prevalent. For me, Fiat is an industrial holding and the manage ment of all the activities of the group have to remain in the same holding."

Mr. Ghidella's resignation follows rumors in the Milan stock market that he may join General Motors Corp. the U.S. automaker. According to recent press re-ports, Mr. Ghidella was in conflict with Fiat's group managing direc-tor, Cesare Romiti.

The company said Mr. Romiti board meeting to take Mr. Ghidel-la's place in addition to his present

Romiti will oot have an easy task." Mr. Agnelli was quoted as saying. "Although he is taking over a healthy Fiat Auto, the future will be marked by lierce competition. After the announcement of Mr. Ghidella's resignation, Fiat stock fell to 9,800 lire (\$7.65), down 90 lire, on the Milan exchange.

Mr. Ghidella, 57, who was also chairman of the Fiat-cootrolled sports carmaker Ferrari, was a major force behind the company's climh to the top of the European

Analysts generally reacted nega-tively to the news of Mr. Ghidella's

"I don't think it's very good for Fiat," said Pieter Houting, analyst at McCaughan Dyson Capel Cure in London. "I don't think Romiti is the proven man for Fiat cars."

Mr. Ghidella was appointed managing director of Fiat Auto in 1979, when the company was plagued by a large deficit and by severe labor unrest.

Along with Mr. Romin, he mas-terminded a reorganization of the auto division, which included massive layoffs, and achieved a major



Vittorio Ghidella

Mr. Ghidella spearheaded development of Fiat's Uno - the bestselling small car in Europe — and its new medium-size Tipo model. launched in early 1988. Mr. Ghidella is also credited

with having helped to turn around the once-struggling sports carmak-er Alfa Romeo, which Fiat bought from the government in 1986 after outbidding Ford Motor Co.

Mr. Ghidella had a pivotal role in the failed 1984-1985 talks between Ford and Fiat aimed at merging their European car operations. Company officials said later that Mr. Ghidella probably would have headed the ocw company.

Company insiders describe Mr. Ghidella as a hrilliant, soft-spoken engineer. Under his guidance Fiat swiftly introduced automation into its car plants.

Mr. Ghidella, who first worked for Fiat as an engineer from 1956 to 1963, rejoined in 1978 as directorgeneral of the newly created Fiat Auto SpA unit. Shortly afterward. he was named the chief executive of Fiat Auto.

Fiat's auto division reported 1987 sales of 22.14 trillion lire — more than double the 1981 level and up from 16.38 trillion lire in

Fiat's booming profits in the auto sector propelled Mr. Ghidella into the industrial limelight and be was considered a risiog management star within Fiat.

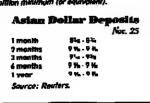
In December 1986, Mr. Agnelli named Mt. Gbidella to Fiat's board. But observers say Mr. Ghidella may have become frustrated because of slim chances of rising further on the Fiat corporate lad-

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lia and British Airways PLC an-ways involves the investment bank nounced rival bids Friday for as DFC New Zealand Ltd. and the much as 100 percent of Air New Japanese tourism investment firm Zealand.

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as I billion dollars. Qantas's consortium includes its holding available to Air New Brierley Investments Ltd., New Zealand staff and local investors. Zealand's fourth largest company hy market capitalization.

The two partners said Brierley would hold not less than 35 percent As stipulated by the government, at least 30 percent would be available for issue to the New Zealand public and the staff of Air New

Zealand, they said. Qantas had tendered for 19.9 percent, with "other overseas airline industry participants" between them bidding for 15 percent.

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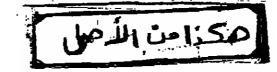
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East-West Trade Grows, **But UN Fears Slowdown** 

GENEVA — Trade between the Soviet bloc and the West has picked up in 1988 after flag-ging for four years but future prospects are uncertain, economists at the United Nations

said Thursday.

Soviet exports to the West rose 12 percent in volume in the first half of the year while sales to the East increased 10 percent, the UN Econom-Moscow's six East European partners — Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania — increased sales to the West by 6 percent in the same period. But

their imports remained slow, according to the commission's annual Economic Bulletin for Eu-The 34-nation commission, which groups all European nations plus the United States and Canada, attributed the growth in trade to improved international relations and economic reforms in the Communist countries.

These have led to a flurry of contracts, negotiations and agreements among governments and

business firms, it said. But continued expansion of East European exports was uncertain because of a number of underlying constraints, including weakening prices for Soviet bloc oil exports and efforts to

curb hard-currency debts, the report said.

It added that newly proposed Western credit lines for the Soviet Union totaling about \$10 billion were unlikely to lead to a significant increase in net indebtedness. The combined net convertible currency debt

of the Soviet Union and its partners was expected to decline to \$99 billion in 1988 from \$102 billion last year.

The bulletin said the economies of Western Europe and North America were likely to grow by an average 3.5 percent this year. But growth might fall back in 1989 to around the same 2.5

percent rate recorded in the previous four years. Preliminary figures indicated that Soviet bloc economies could expand by about 4.5 percent in 1988, a substantial improvement on 1987 but

below a planned target of 5.5 percent.

There was increasing concern over inflationary pressures in Poland, Hungary and the Soviet Union, the report said.

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**GDP** in France Climbed 0.8% in the 3d Quarter

PARIS — France's gross domestic product of this season's imports toward coarse grains such as corn, barley, sorghum and oats, and cut rose 0.8 percent in the third quarter from the back on wheat imports. previous three months, the official statistics institute, INSEE, said Friday.

That is a marked improvement from the re-vised 0.4 percent GDP growth recorded in the second quarter. GDP measures the value of a

nation's goods and services excluding income from foreign investments.

The third-quarter figure is in line with IN-SEE's projections for a 3.5 percent rise in GDP

for the whole year.

INSEE said the third-quarter growth was due largely to a recovery in household consumption, which rose 1.8 percent in the July-September period after stagnating in the second quarter. All sectors of the manufacturing industry benefited from the consumption boom. Automobile sales jumped 8.4 percent.

The trade balance continued to deteriorate in the third quarter, with imports, at 2.3 percent, rising faster than exports, at 1.1 percent.

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Soviet buying could be further boosted if market talk proves correct and Moscow renews a grain purchase agreement with the United States in talks that market sources believe may a be held early next week, traders added.

They suggested that Soviet imports this season could be the highest since 1984-85, when a poor harvest forced Moscow to import a record 56 million metric tons of grain.

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"The way the Soviets have started to buy corn this season they must buy more feed grains than last and push imports toward 35 million tons." a trader based in Geneva said,

Earlier this month, the International Wheat Council in London, in line with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, estimated Soviet imports for 1988-89 at 31 million tons, compared with 33 million tons in the previous season.

But with aggressive Soviet buying of grains for livestock feed, European traders think these estimates may be too low.

One trader in Britain said Soviet imports this season were likely to be around 35 million tons and could go as high as 40 million.

and could go as high as 40 million. There is a growing belief among European traders that the Soviet Union will shift the bulk

The reason for this shift is that while this summer's Soviet wheat crop was described by some as "reasonable," the coarse grain harvest appears to be headed for its lowest levels in,

"This year the emphasis will be definitely on coarse grains because of low production," said Bill De Maria, a senior economist at the Inter-national Wheat Council. He added these would be needed for the Soviet Union to maintain its

livestock program.

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is eager to provide more meat for Soviet consumers under nis economic reform program.

In an aggressive buying spree, Moscow has bought 5.92 million tons of U.S. com since September and 500,000 tons of U.S. sorghum.
The Soviet Union has also been buying about two million tons of feed barley from the Euro-

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Nabisco Sells Unit

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McDougall PLC, the British foods group, said Friday that it had ac-quired the British breakfast cereal business of RJR Nabisco Inc. for £80 million (\$148 million).

The company said it was acquiring the unit through a wholly owned subsidiary, RHM Foods Ltd. The deal included the trademarks and assets of the Nabisco business, along with the right to use its cereals technology throughout Western Europe.

RJR Nabisco said it had decided to sell the British unit several months ago.

Carnival to Buy **Holland Units** 

MIAMI — Carnival Cruise Lines Inc. said Friday that it had reached an agreement in principle to purchase the travel and tourism activities of Holland America Line

The company said that it had signed a letter of intent to purchase the cruise, botel and land tour businesses for about \$625 million and that it expected to close the transaction by Jan. 15.

Caisse du Québec **Snubs Inco Plan** For Poison Pill

MONTREAL — Caisse de Dé pôt & Placement du Quèbec suid Friday it would vote against a con-troversial plan by Inco Ltd., the Canadian nickel mining giant, to pay a \$1.05 billion dividend if shareholders adopted a poison pill to protect it from any takeover

The caisse, a Moutreal-based pension fund manager that owns about 3 percent of Inco's shares outstanding is the first major shareholder to indicate it would vote against the recapitalization plan.

Critics of the plan charge that Inco is attempting to bribe shareholders because its special dividend would not be paid unless the poison pill plan is approved.

"The causse opposes the transfer from the shareholder to the board of directors and the company's senior management of the right to decide on the choice of an eventual buyer and the assessment of a company's value," the caisse said in a

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# Bond Sells Hong Kong TV Holdings

## Analysts See U.K. Takeover Plan Behind Asset Disposal

MELBOURNE — Bond Corp. International Ltd. said Friday that is had sold its Hong Kong televi-sion holdings for 2.01 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$257 million) Bond International, Bond Corp.

Holdings' Hong Kong-listed sub-sidiary, sold its 30 percent stakes in HK-TVB Ltd. and Television Broadcasts Ltd. to Knok Hock Nien of Singapore.

Analysis said the selling of the reduce the debt of Alan Bond's global empire, could mean that Mr. Bond was preparing for a takeover strike in Britain. Mr. Bond has deelined comment on speculation that he plans to bid for Lourho PLC or Allied-Lyons PLC, or both. Logic would have it that Bond seeds to generate cash very, very quickly," said Malcolm Surry, a

Cruiekshank.

meeting on Dec. 14.

Peter Lucas, managing director of Bond International Ltd., said the stakes, apparently an attempt to. Mr. Kuok, whose family owns would have to offer at least 2.50 for privatization.

Mr. Lucas said Bond Corp. would make a profit of 214 million dollars on the sale but added that it did not plan to raise its offer to minority shareholders to privatize the Hong Kong unit.

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# Saga Board Rejects Offer By Total to Increase Stake

OSLO - The board of Saga Petroleum A/S. Norway's biggest fully private oil company, said Fri-day that it had unanimously blocked a bid by Total-Compagnie Française des Petroles to boost its

stake in Saga.
"It is the board's opinion that a majority foreign shareholding in the company is neither in the interests of the company nor of the shareholders." the board said in a statement after a board meeting. The decision was unanimous."

unanimous made it most unlikely that an extraordinary shareholders meeting, called for Dec. 15, will

overturn the decision. Saga's board bad to decide whether to change the company f, riles on limits to foreign owner-hip, which would have allowed the

Total bid to go ahead. Total's Norwegian unit, Total
Marine Norsk A/S, which already holds 5 percent in Saga, had of-G Hered 959 million kroner (\$148 million) for another 30 percent, It had Agreed to buy the stake from two Rorwegian shareholders, 10 per-Cent from Den porske Credithank and 20 percent from the offshore

'Industry analysts to Oslo said that Norsk Hydro, Norway's staterecontrolled energy, metals and ferulizer group, is likely to step to with I'm bid for Saga's shares, but at a baldwer price

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director at C.F. Alexander & oo Oct. 25 that it planned to buy percent of its capital with an offer

The offer was 1.50 dollars a share for HK-TVB and 14,30 dollars a of 2,20 dollars a share. The transacshare for Television Broadcasts. tion would cost the Australian par-Bond said the sale was subject to ent about \$120 million. shareholder approval, which would be sought at an extraordinary sale could make shareholders reluc-

sale of the stake in TVB bad been struck after 24 bours of talks with Hong Kong's Shangri-La Hotel The Kuok family has extensive hotel and shipping interests.

# In Paris, Total said it was main-

taining the bid by its Norwegian unit for Saga, despite a unanimous decision by Saga's board to block the bid, a Total spokesman said. "The board's decision is a first step. It's now for the sharebolders to decide," he said. "The solution that we contemplate for Saga is the best one for its future, and also for

its shareholders and employees." Saga would benefit from a connection with Total, which offers the "signature of a big group" and the competence of an integrated com-The fact that the decision was pany involved in all aspects of the lars, judging by recent property oil business, be said.

# Buying Stake in Japan's Daisei

tant to endorse the privatization plan. One broker said the total The company, based in TVB price of 15.80 dollars a share against a book value of 14.10 dollars meant that Bond International dollars a sbare to obtain approval

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Analysts said news of the TVB

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to go after Lonrho or Allied-Lyons.

In September, Bond Corp. raised

its stake in Allied-Lyons to 11.08

percent from 7 percent. Two weeks ago it boosted its stake in Lonrho

sale may be used to reduce the parent company's \$122 million

debt on its 30 percent stake in Compañia de Teléfonos de Chile

SA and to acquire additional sbares

in the Santiago-listed company. Mr. Surry said the next step in

Bond's cash-raising exercise could

be the sale of its 50 percent stake in

the Bond Center office building in

Hong Kong. Analysts say the building, valued at 3.5 billion dol-

lars a few months ago, now could

be worth 5 billion to 6 hillion dol-

Mr. Lucas said profits from the

Bond has said it wants to privatize because investors in Hong Kong have consistently undervalued its stock since it began trading there two years ago. The stock stood at 1.49 dollars when the 2.20 Mr. Lucas declined to comment

> John Dauernheim, the Federal Express vice president of international operations and sales for the Pacific, said the purchases would bring the company "more than 80 welltrained employees, some 70 vehicles and seven station facilities to expand our operations in Tokyo, Nagoya and

(Reuters, AFP)

# New Capital for Parry Corp.

PERTH, Australia — Hong Kong's Hang Lung Development Co, has injected more than 60 million Australian dollars (\$52.2 million) into the troubled Parry Corp., the Western Australian company said

Parry's chairman, Ken Court, said at a stockholders' meeting that the new capital had boosted the property group's stake in Parry to more than 68 percent.

Hang Lung took a controlling stake in Parry after the diversified Australian company, which has interests to real estate, department stores and mining, suffered buge losses in last year's stock market

Mr. Court said the company planned to change its name. Its ehairman and founder, Kevin Parry, was removed from the board of directors to May.

The former high-flying entrepreneur recently started a new busi-

# NTT's Current Profit Falls 14.6% Federal Express TOKYO—Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. said Friday that current profit for the six months

TOKYO - Federal Express Corp., the courier service, said Friday that it was expanding

its Japanese operations by acquiring a majority interest in three subsidiaries of Daisei Co., a trucking company.

Memphis, Tennessee, also bought about a 10 percent stake in Daisei itself, a Federal Express spokesman said. The spokesman did not dis-

close the purchase price. Federal Express bought 70

percent stakes in Daisei Shokuhinryutsu Co., Nagoya Dai-sei Co. and Daisei Air Cargo Co. The units' names will change to Federal Express Tokyo Corp., Federal Express Nagoya Corp. and Federal Express Osaka Corp.

group's result had come from bank-MELBOURNE - Australia & ing operations in Australia and New Zealand. New Zealand Banking Group Ltd.

ANZ's profit also included solid on Friday reported a 31.2 percent contributions from South Asia, increase in net profit to 505.4 milbetter results io the Middle East lion Australian dollars (\$437 miland a turnaround in the perforlion) for the year ending Sept. 30. mance of Grindlays Holdings PLC, which ANZ acquired in 1984. The result, slightly higher than analysts had predicted earlier this

reported that net profit was essen-

yen, compared with 100.78 billion

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because of cuts in telephone rates, yen, from 2.767 trillion yen.

ANZ Reports 32.1% Climb

In Net Profit for Fiscal Year

ANZ Holdings (U.K.) PLC, which incorporates elements of the Grindlays group, had profit of 48.3 million dollars, compared with a loss of 2.6 million in fiscal 1987. "In general, improved perfor-

Group income increased 4.4 per-cent to 8.11 billion dollars, the mances reflected a combination of It also reported that, taking into higher interest margins, an increase account extraordinary items, total after-tax profit was 628.9 million in business volumes and improved productivity," the company said in dollars, an increase of 57.6 percent. It added that 61 percent of the

In addition, it lowered its foretially unchanged at 100.71 billion cast of net profit for the year that ends March 31 to 233 billion yen from its previously projected total of 236 billion. In the 1987-88 fiscal year, the company had net profit of 243.24 billion yen.

NTT sales for the six-month period rose, however, to 2.798 trillion The sales forecast for the year The company also revised its was revised as well, to 5.613 trillion forecast for current profit for this yen, down from 5.524 trillion yen, year to 425 billion yen, down from and compared with 5.662 trillion a is earlier prediction of 441 billion

yen. That compares with 496.74 year earlier. Meanwhile, NTT said it would apply to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication next month for permission to cut telephone rates by an average 10 percent, ef-

fective in February. A director at NTT, Koji Oboshi, said rate cuts for telephone calls and radio paging services would decrease the company's annual revenue by 90 billion yen.

He added that inroads by competitors would cut revenue by a further 100 billion yen.

NTT rates for long-distance do-mestic calls of farther than 320 kilometers (198 miles) will be cut by an average 9.9 percent. The company cut the same long-distance rate by 10 percent in February.

NTT telephone rates between islands in the same prefecture also will be cut by an average 16.6 percent. The three NTT competitors do not offer island-to-island telephone service

ompany said in Share for the year to be 14,935.90 yeu, compared with 15,592.05.

## **BMW Increases** Holdings in Softlab to 28%

MUNICH - Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said Friday that it had increased its holding in Softlab GmbH. 2 computer software firm, to 28 percent from 10 percent. The price of the stake was not re-

A spokesman for BMW said the stake in Softlab, which is based in Munich, was bought in September. The West German automaker initially held 10 percent of the firm, and had an option to increase the holding by another 18 percent. Klaus Neugabauer, an own-

er of Softlab, said the company would raise its share capital between 5 million Deutsche marks (\$2.9 million) and 10 million DM early next year. Softlab now bas nominal capital of 15 million DM.

Mr. Neugabauer said Softlab would finance the capital increase from its equity, issuing bonus shares to stockholders in relation to their current stakes. He said he expected Softlab's sales to rise between 20 and 25 percent this year.

Sales rose 22 percent to 104 million DM in the year ending

# WRIGLEY: Eschewing Any Diversification, the Company Is Sticking to Chewing Gum

Wrigley is described by friends as a consensus-building executive who manages by committee.

Among Mr. Wrigley's closest advisers is his son. William Wrigley Jr., 25, whose title is assistant to the president and who, analysts say. will someday be the chief executive.

Paul Smucker, a long-time friend of Mr. Wrigley's and chairman of the executive committee at J.M. Smucker Co., the jam and jelly maker, said of the Wrigley chief. "He's very analytical, and be wouldn't make any decisions without a los of input.

It was largely Mr. Wrigley, analysts say, who insisted that the company not diversify outside the gum business. The persistent focus on a single type of product is at the top of most analysis' list of the reasons for Wrigley's success.

The strategy has enabled the company to concentrate on productivity gains, lowering its cost of sales, expressed as a perceptage of revenues, to 43.3 percent to 1987,

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month, compares with 385.1 mil-

lion dollars in the previous fiscal

ending Sept. 30 fell 14.6 percent

from the same period a year earlier

competition and rising deprecia-

Current profit, or pretax profit, fell to 170.61 billion yen (\$1.4 billion), from 199.68 billion yen.

At the same time, the company

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chunk bubble gum called Hubba nificant new demand abroad. Bubba; and more than a dozen fad

from 51.6 percent in 1980. It has also enabled Wrigley to remain almost synonymous with gum.

troduced three flavors of its Free-ing is not as widespread a habit dent gum for denture wearers; five overseas as it is in the United flavors of its Extra sugar-free gum; States, and Wrigley's marketing Analysts say that company offi-

"There are certain brands that five flavors of its sugar-based, soft- has not been able to stimulate sig-

Quarter after quarter, the company that brought America the Doublemint Twins and the ad line "Double Your Pleasure, Double Your Fun" has reported steadily increasing revenues and profits.

said Sidney Levy, who is the Charles H. Kellstadt Distinguished Professor of Marketing at Northwestern University's J.L. Kellogg bubble gum in a dispenser.

Some people do believe that Wrigley's focus on gum is too narbubble gum in a dispenser. Wrigley bas made relatively few Graduate School of Management. "If you are thinking chewing gum, missteps. One came in the mid-

you are thinking Wrigley's." 1970s, when it introduced Orbit, a Wrigley also owes a lot of its sugarless gum that ran into trouble prosperity to its product developafter its main sweetener, xylitol, ment group. The company grew rich and famous from its Juicy was judged a possible carcinogen to a British research study. Fruit, Spearmint and Doublemint And, although Wrigley has been brands, but it has not rested on

Wrigley's focus on gum is too nar-

row and that the company could be even more successful if it moved into related products like hard can-"What these guys should do if

general decline in gum sales. In 1980, sales industrywide began to fall because of a general maturing of the domestic market and because of dentists' concerns that gum chewing promoted tooth de-

William Blair & Co., a brokerage firm based in Chicago, said the number of sticks of gum chewed by the average person declined to about 170 a year in 1984, from 210

Wrigley's response, in 1984, was to introduce Extra, its sugar-free gum sweetened with Nutrasweet instead of the more-bitter-tasting saccharin. Heavy marketing enabled Extra to quickly surpass the No. 2 company to sngar-free gum, RJR Nabisco Inc., which markets the Care Free brand.

More recently, Wrigley bas inthey really want to accelerate troduced two new flavors of Extra, growth is come up with more prod- cinnamon and winter fresh, that ncts, like Wrigley mints," said Mr.
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# U.S. Refuses Bail to Greek Banker

BOSTON — A fugitive Greekbanker, indicted in a financial scandal that has rocked the Greek government, was ordered held without bail Friday by a U.S. magistrate.

George Koskotas, 34, was arrested by FBI agents when he arrived in the United States on Wednesday night by private jet and has been wheld since then at a federal jail in the Boston

51. At a Friday morning hearing, his attorney grasked for bis release so that he could help i prepare a defense against extradition to face licharges that he embezzled \$135 million from the Bank of Crete. But Assistant U.S. Attorney Victor A. Wild argued against bail, saying there would be interpared to the little of 
.United States. Magistrate Jovee Alexander in denying bail, and not say where Mr. Koskots would be held. A hearing to review the matter was scheduled for Wednesday, and Mr. Kiskotas's lawyer, Ron Leibman of Washington, s again expected

no request bail. Mr. Liehman said Mr. Koslotas had been in Brazil with his wife and five dildren but decided to leave because he belived that Greek

to kill him and his family.

Mr. Koskotas fled his horeland on Nov. 6 of after being indicted on five courts of fraud and "embezziement of bank funds. The Koskotas scandal hasembarrassed the government of Prime Ministe Andreas Papan-

dreou and prompted the resgnations of two

bassailants had tracked him down and planned

ministers. Opposition conservatives have charged that Mr. Koskotas was allowed to es-

cape so be would not implicate top government officials in illegal financial dealings. In Athens, Argyris Saliarelis, a Greek multimillionaire, was arrested Friday on charges of allegedly smuggling Mr. Koskotas out of the

Mr. Saliarelis, who deals in precious stones and shipping, was taken into custody after he returned from abroad.

# Wickes to Sell WCI Unit

The Amended Press SANTA MONICA, California — Wickes Cos. will sell its WCI Financial Corp. subsidiary for about \$300 million to a corporation .founded by two company executives, the retailing conglomerate announced Friday.
WCl's president, James E. Neese, and Wiek-

es's vice president and treasurer, Ervin J. Bolks. organized the purchase to be financed by Geoeral Electric Capital Corp., a Wickes spokesman said. WCI provides private credit card programs for retail stores with substantial concentration in the furniture industry.

Blackstone Group and Wasserstein, Perella & Co., the two groups having Wickes for \$538.9 million, had said previously that they might sell parts of the company holdings, which include Wiekes Fumiture, Builders Emporium home improvement stores and Orchard Supply Hard-

# Is Sold for \$340 Million

MEXICOCITY -The Mexican government on Friday completed the sale of the national airline. Aeromexico, for \$340 million as part of

The price was significantly higher than had been expected. chased by a group of private investors and

Mexican pilots' union. The sale of the airline, which had been planned for months, was almost delayed earlier this week after some bidders threatened to pull out of the negotiations because some govern-ment officials had backed away from the pro-

The government then decided to sell the whole company to the private sector. In April, the government announced that

Aeroméxico planes continued to operate on a reduced hasis for five months before the renovated airline was unveiled in October and put up for sale. It has a fleet of 29 jets.

# Mexico National Airline

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches its program to sell off state firms.

Seventy-five percent of the airline was pur-Bancomer, a government-controlled bank. The remaining 25 percent stake was bought by the

posal to sell the entire airline.

Aeromexico was bankrupt. The carrier was inefficient, the government said, and was absorbing

a government subsidy of more than \$100 mil-

lion a year.

The Mexican government also has been considering the sale of its share in Mexicana Air-

lines, which is heavily in debt.

trying to improve foreign sales, ex-ports still account for only about one-third of revenues. Gum-chew-In recent years, Wrigley has in-



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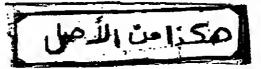
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# **Hungary Revises** Net Foreign Debt To \$13.4 Billion

BUDAPEST — The head of Hungary's cen-tral bank. Fereoc Bartha, said Friday that his nation's debt burden, already the highest per capita in Eastern Europe, was more than \$3

lion and foreign assets listed as \$6.9 billion.

A Western diplomat said most of the noninterest-bearing "assets" were trade credits or soft loans extended for political reasons to Third World countries.

the way that Western banks have, to present figures in a way that actually means some-

this figure were either expired or "doubtful." He said Hungary needed clear new rules on when bad loans should be written off.

The analysis on the debt figures follows: statement by the Hungarian leader. Karoly Grosz, that he did not know how realistic the sums listed as assets were and that the National Bank would need six months to unravel the

A member of the legislature, Rudolf Kokai, asked last week: "Where are those much-cited \$7 billion of foreign assets?"

equivalent to about 60 percent of its gross domestic product. But though high by any international standards, it was not unmanageable. Annual payments of interest alone would amount to \$1.1 billion to \$1.2 billion over the

next two or three years, he added. In an effort to stop the rise in total debt by 1991. Hungary should be able to achieve an annual surplus on goods, services and tourism equivalent to the interest payments within the AMEX Highs-Lows

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# Pound Ends Strongly Against Dollar

NEW YORK — The pound moved strongly higher Friday on news of a one-point rise in British interest rates, to 13 percent. Trading was slow after the Thanksgiving heliday or Thursday holiday on Thursday

The British currency closed in New York at \$1.8420, up from Wednesday's close of \$1.8365. Overall, the dollar ended little changed from levels before the holiday and did nothing to alter the worried that his strategy is not vialower trend set since George Bush's

victory in the U.S. presidential election, dealers said. After falling to 120.65 yen earlier Friday in Asia, near the postwar low of 120.45 set Jan. 4, the dollar ended at 121.25, up from Wednes-day's 121.075. The U.S. corrency

closed at 1.7170 Deutsche marks. up from Wednesday's 1.7163. The dollar's fall since early September is now linked with the perceived ability of the coming Bush administration to cut the U.S. budget and trade deficits. Mr. Bush has not retreated from his pre-election

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tightening of fiscal policy to com-

bat runaway domestic demand. Likewise, it has said it will not

A depreciation of the pound, which would in theory help the

trade balance by making exports

less expensive and imports more expensive, has been ruled out by

settlements, a tight housing market .

and costly imports, is running at 6.4 percent, well ahead of the 4.5

At a speech in Birmingham on Friday, Mr. Lawson denied that

the economy was out of control.

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promise not to raise taxes to reduce the deficit. Currency traders are ble, dealers said.

Without tax rises, "it will take years to cut the deficit," said Shigeru Tokunaga, foreign exchange manager of Fuji Bank's New York branch. "We cannot wait three or

In London, the pound ended at a five-month high against the dollar, bolstered by a one-point rise in British commercial lending rates to 13 percent after Britain reported a quadrupling of the current account deficit.

"A £2.4 billioo deficit is terrible, but as long as interest rates remain

Wednesday, Mr. Lawsoo

said that the effect of recent rate rises would take time. "We have

already seen the first signs of a

slowdown in economic activity, but

the trend is oot yet clear," he said.

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Mr. Lawson predicted earlier this month that the deficit for the

full year would be £13 billion, up

had been for a deficit of £4 billion.

economist, forecast a current ac-count deficit of £15 hillion this

year, or more than 3 percent of

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Mr. Davis, the Phillips & Drew

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that high, it takes a brave person to sell sterling," said David Tait, chief spot trader at Goldman Sachs.

The pound closed at \$1.8445 in London compared with \$1,8375 at Thursday's close. It was the pound's best showing against the dollar since May 31. The British currency closed at 3, 1648 Deutsche marks, up sharply from 3.1518 on

The dollar was steadier Friday, but dealers said they expected it to test new lows when markets return to full swiog next week after the Thanksgiving holidays.

By the close, the dollar had pared all the gains resulting from Bank of Japan intervection and talk of a rise in the U.S. discount rate. Against the yen, the dollar ended

in London at 121.15 yen, up from 121.03 the previous day. It closed at "The dollar is still susceptible to

further fall," Mr. Tait of Goldman Sachs said. Dealers said the dollar was likely to test its postwar low of

£10.2 billion for the full year.

distorted somewhat by a Septem-

ber postal strike, but private econo-

mists said the current account defi-

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The raising of commercial banks' base lending rates to 13 per-

cent, the eighth rise in base rates

since June when they stood at 7.5

percent, was prompted by the Bank of England at midday, when it raised its money market lending

rate one point, to 13 percent.

the effects of the strike.

Currency traders Friday in Tokyo, with a sign showing the dollar at 120.70 yea. The dollar fell to 120.67 during trading but closed at 121.15 yea, unchanged from Thursday's record low Tokyo close.

# OPEC: Markets Shaken as Cartel Nears Quota Accord

(Continued from Page 1)

TRADE: Britain's Current Account Deficit at Record and Iran equal quotas of 2.64 million barrels a day.

OPEC has been producing a topared to take any risks with infla- ed. The October figure showed a m recent weeks, far above its previously agreed ceiling of about 16 million barrels a day.

The OPEC discussions in Vienna have been delayed representations. cumulative 10-month total of £17 hillion. Last year, the total was Imports, led by automobiles and

capital goods, rose 13 percent in October, to £9.7 billion from £8.6 billion in September, Exports in ing the past week because of dis-October fell 9 percent, to £6.8 bil-lion from a revised £7.5 billion the agreement over runaway productioo and measures to curb it.

Agazadeh repeatedly said that Iran market. The October trade figures were would not accept a production agreement that gave Iraq parity with Iran.

The OPEC agreement would in effect alter Iran's position as the second largest producer in the cartel. And it is still possible that hardliners in Tehran might reject the lowance levels.

Earlier in the week, Mr. Agazadeh said Iran would increase production sharply rather than yield to pressore from Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest producer, and from Kuwait and the United Arab Emir-

That coalition, which together few months.

with Irac produces more than 50 percent of OPEC's oil, had warned since October that unless Iran ther increase the surplus. Analysts said that might push prices down agreed to give Iraq parity on production, they would flood the oil

producing nations inside and out-side of OPEC raised production in oo and measures to carr it.

During the talks in Vienna, Mr.

the hopes of boosting revenue by seizing a greater share of the world

A December 1986 quota agreement, while still theoretically in force, has long been violated by most OPEC members. The United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Ecuador. Qatar and Iraq all have produced oil above their al-

The most flagrant violator has been the United Arab Emirates, which in June said its official quota of 948,000 barrels a day would no longer suffice. It claimed a quota of 1.5 million barrels per day and has been producing as much as 2 mil-

Overproduction is likely to continue at least until Jan. 1, and fur-

Sanford Margoshes, an oil analyst in New York, said he had perceived "an abiding belief oo the part of skeptics that any agreement lasts only so long before it gives way to cheating, oversupply and price erosion."

The agreement represents a stra-tegic triumph for the Saudi coalition, which has kept a tight rein on the cartel. As a result, the Saudis and their allies are expected dictate oil prices for the next few years.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and some other OPEC members agreed to small cuts in their share of production to increase Irag's share to the

President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has said such parity was the only way Iraq would accept an OPEC quota. He had threatened to increase Iraqi production to more than 4 million barrels a day within TIES: Seoul-Beijing Trade Grows Wong, an economist at the Univer-

(Continued from first finance page) rea, but Chinese and Korean sources say northeastern Liaoning Province may also have been quietly allowed to do so.

At the same time, other provinces are going ahead without Beijing's formal approval. in addition to the refrigerator factory in Fujian Province, a South Korean-financed \$10 million phar-

maceutical plant is being built near Beijing.

A delegation from Hubei Prov-ince visited South Korea earlier this

month to study opening a trade office, and a delegation from Lianyungang is now in Korea for the same reason, according to the Chinese and Korean sources. A Chinese official said some

provinces had not been authorized to open trade offices and would be reprimanded if they did. In recent months the central government has been trying to regam authority from local and regional authorities, which might make it more difficult for some provinces to advance their projects with South Korea.

In any case, the official added, Shandong and Liaoming provinces—as well as China's premier financial company, China International Trust & Investment Co.—are likely to open offices in Seoul within a

China and South Korea "would make a good fit," said Christine

sity of California at Santa Cruz

who specializes in China. As wages rise in Korea, she said, companies there are considering shifting some processing to lower-

wage countries, including China.

Also, South Korean prices are lower than those in Japan or the United States. And the Koreans have international connections and experience in marketing and quali-ty control that the Chinese might tind useful.

South Korean business executives appear torn between awe at the magnitude of the potential Chinese market and apprehension about the difficulties of doing business in China.

"I was very happy as a tourist, but as a business myestor I would be very caotious," said Kim Hiyong, the president of Tong-Yang Mool-San Inc., a Korean firm that produces metal products from cutlery to farm machinery.

Many South Koreans seem to hope that relations with China will hold political as well as economic advantages.

"In general, it is not wise to be hasty," Kim Young Sam, a Korean opposition leader, said in a recent interview, "But improving relations with China and also the U.S.S.R. would simultaneously improve re-lations and dialogue with North

# SCENE: Budget Deadlock Looms

(Continued from first finance page) advisers that the United States can grow out of the deficit simply by expecting tax revenues to grow faster than expenditures, with a "flexible freeze" on spending. Starting from a low level of un-

employment and a high level of capacity utilization, the group argued that economic growth can be expected to slow and reveoue growth will slow, too.

Real growth in the years immediately ahead will depend overwhelmiogly oo productivity growth.

Efforts to speed the fully employed economy's expansion would be more likely to breed inflation and add to the U.S. trade problem, One could hope to speed real

vestment in plant and equipment and in research and development. But the budget deficit, by sapping national savings and raising inter-est rates, retards such outlays.

The assembly urged Mr. Bush and Congress to act expeditiously on the deficit after a careful review of both revenues and expenditures.

"An agreement on a credible, multiyear deficit-reduction package should be negotiated in a coilaborative spirit and concluded as quickly as possible," the assembly declared. But that oow looks un-

And that is what is troubling the markets and causing a pullout of Japanese and other foreign investment, putting upward pressure on interest rates and downward pres-(NYT, AP, Reuters) growth by increasing business in- sure on the dollar.



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# **BOOKS**

#### LA CAPITAL: The Biography of Mexico City

By Jonathan Kandell. 640 pages. \$24.95. Random House, 201 East 50th Street, New York, N. Y. 10022.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

A CAPITAL: The Biography of Mex-Lico City"—— the title of Jonathan Kandell's hefty new book — suggests the sort of impressionistic portrait of a place that writers like Jan Morris ("Venice," "Ox-ford," "Manhattan '45") and Mary McCar-thy ("The Stones of Florence," "Venice Observed") have pioneered. The reader expects that Kandell, who grew up in Mexico City and who later cov-

ered Laun America as a correspondent for The New York Times, will draw upon his observations of the region, that he will give us the benefit of his first-hand knowledge. Except for a brief autobiographical pro-logue, however, "La Capital" is a dispas-sionate, prodigiously researched primer on

Mexico, summarizing huge swaths of history and containing little new reporting. Though Kandell gives us a sense of what daily life was like in Mexico City during various eras, he is less interested in the metropolis itself than in writing a conventional history of the country at large. Indeed, the book starts off, much like a Michener novel, with a discussion of what Mexico looked liked during the dinosaur

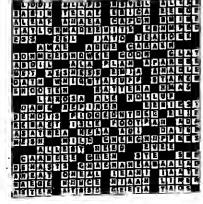
era, then plunges into an extended discus-sion of the tumultuous Indian empires that succeeded one another there. The descriptions of the violent rituals

practiced by the Aztecs will be familiar to many readers who remember their social studies courses: sadistic rites of passage in which young warriors pierced their ears and tongues with thorns; gory human sacrifices to the hummingbird god Huitzilopochtli, and ornate religious banquets featuring dishes of human flesh.

The Spanish conquest of Mexico - which Kandell views as the logical culmination of the country's crusading Roman Catholic mission and the discovery of the New World as an arena for its imperial ambitions — would, of course, prove as savage as the Aziec empire it replaced.

Not only did the Spaniards massacre thousands of Aztecs but they also brought to the New World a host of diseases that would nearly annihilate the local populations: Before the arrival of the Spaniards, Kandell estimates, there were 12 million to 25 million Indians io Mexico; a century after the conquest, only 1.2 million remained.

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



Much of Mexico's ensuing history simi-larly becomes a litany of violence and confrontation, from the so-called Tumult of 1692 (which focused tensions between the poverished Indians, hlacks, mulattoes and mestizos) through the early 19th-century

fight for independence and the revolution, which ended in 1920 with the death of at least a million people.

In relating these events, Kandell shows how Mexico's current social, economic and political difficulties grew out of situations that developed in the 17th century, including the submitted of people. ing the exhaustion of natural resources and the emergence of a "complex, volatile, mul-tiracial society,"

He shows how the "golden decades" (1940-1970), marked by an economic boom

and the growth of an urban middle-class clite, were actually huilt upon a foundation of poverty, and how old tensions (between church and state, between landowners and the disenfranchised peasants, between dif-

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ferent races and castes) would continue to fuel social discontent. The overall narrative approach, however, anecdotal rather than analytical, the focus political issues. We are given, for instance, chatty, informal portraits of such famous historical personages as Cortes, Archduke Maximilian, the eight-time President Porfirio Diaz, the revolutionaries Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata and the radical artist

Diego Rivera.

Such portraits help make "La Capital" a highly readable book and they enliven the heaps of historical data, orchestrated with such authority by Kandell. Ultimately, they make for a volume that reconfirms rather than enhances or challenges the popular picture of Mexico as a land of great wealth and greater poverty, a land with a violent past and an uncertain future.

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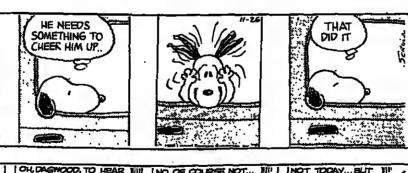
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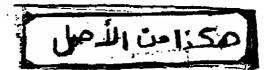










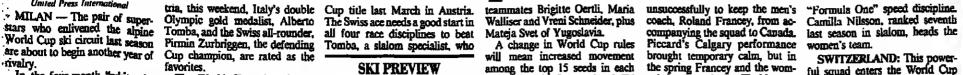


# **SPORTS**

# Meltdown to the World Cup: Tomba vs. Zurbriggen

World Cup ski circuit last season are about to begin another year of

In the four-month white circus," which begins its 23d season with women's and men's supergiant statoms in Schladming, Aus-



The World Championships in this year are in Vail, Colorado, Jan. 29 to Feb. 12. Zurbriggen took his third World



Tomba: 'It was a pleasure to stretch out with a dish of pasta.'

Tomba, a slalom specialist, who

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took six slaloms and three giant slaloms in his 1987-88 rise. "I wish I had the title in my pocket," Zurbriggen said. "But it will be a struggle with Alberto from the start. You saw how I got behind last year and had to catch

Fomba, who missed the overall title by 29 points, has shed the extra pounds he added over the summer in living as reigning na-tional sports idol.

"After eating poorly in other countries during the season, it was a real pleasure to stretch my legs out under the table at home with a dish of pasta," Tomba said, "But l didn't put oo so much weight. I'll be fit for the season. The 21-year-old from the gourmet town of Bologna signed a pro-

motion deal with the International

Management Group in Juoe. Tomba's success boosted the ski industry into a sales boom that Michela Figini of Switzerland, the women's season champion, will be fending off challenges from

A change in World Cup rules will mean increased movement among the top 15 seeds in each discipline. The International Ski Federation (FIS) will revise seedings after each race instead of every several months. That means a poor finish one week will mean a lower starting oumber the next.

eading nacions: AUSTRIA: Kurt Hoch is the oew downhill coach. Hubert Strolz, the combined gold medalist, is in too form but still seeks his first World Cup victory. Among the women, Olympic gold medalist Sigrid Wolf, the only Austrian skier on a No. 1 FIS slot (super G) expects another good season.

Following are the prospects of

CANADA: Rob Boyd, 22, was third in the downhill standings last year and 11th overall but he was disappointing in the Olympics. Karen Percy, 22, a double bronze medalist at Calgary, leads a strong women's team. FRANCE: Franck Piccard, the

. SWEDEN: Ingemar Stemmark competes on the World Cup circuit for a 16th season. One of the double Olympic medalist, will race best ever to race the gates, he will also aim for a fourth World Chamwith echoes of an ugly power struggle in the coaching staff. In January, the national technical dipionships otle in Vail. A promis-ing 22-year-old, Lars-Borje Eriksrector, Jean-Pierre Puthod, tried son, is a top prospect in the sport's

women's team

brought temporary calm, but in SWITZERLAND: This powerthe spring Francey and the wom-en's head coach, Jan Tischhauser, ful squad enters the World Cur season with virtually no changes resigned, citing disagreements to a roster. Even the most senior downhiller, 31-year-old Peter Among the women. Catherine Moeller, was excited coough about his prospects for a 12th season to postpone retirement.

ITALY: The best Italian slalom racer behind Tomba was Richard His nemesis is, of course, the allrounder and three-time World Pramotton, 31st overall. He re-Cup champion, Zurbriggen, 25, who surprised his fans with an sumed skiing in October after a knee injury at Calgary. The down-hill squad will focus on Michael announcement that he will quit after two more years. The women's team faces a re-

Swiss coaching ranks have unbuilding year. The new head coadergooe a housecleaning. The women are now handled by Jan ch, Stefano Dalmasso, is making a return to the team, where he Tischhauser, who quit the French squad. Vreni Schneider, Maria worked from 1977-85. Most promising is a former Olympic sla-lom champion, Paoletta Magoni-Walliser and Beatrice Gafner all face a comeback. Serious falls last Sforza, in the gate races, and a March in Colorado ended the seayoung downhiller, Deborah Camson for all three.

UNITED STATES: A rebuilding year is in store after an embar-rassment in Calgary. Jeremy No-bis, 1988 World Junior downhill champ, and Tommy Moe, 1987 silver medalist, may be ready to emerge. Tamara McKinney, 1983 World Cup champion, is being pushed by youngsters. So is Felix



Zurbriggen: 'I wish I had the title in my pocket.'

top 10 in the downhill. Bill Johnson, the 1984 Olympic downhill champion, has scraped his way onto the B team. Debbie Arm-

strong the 1984 Olympic giant slalom champ, has retired WEST GERMANY: The retirement of Marina Kiehl, the Olym-pie downhill champion, shocked

McGrath, an FIS third-ranked slalom artist.

Ueli Luthi, the men's coach, Kinshofer-Guetlein, who won a says Jeff Olson should finish in the silver and bronze at Calgary, remained under treatment for back

YUGOSLAVIA: Mateja Svet. 20, the Olympic slalom silver medalist, blossomed last season. The women's team coach, Joze Drobnic, predicts a points battle between Svet and the Swiss. Bojan

# From Football's Heartland, A Devoutly Modest Phenom

By Bill Connors

STILLWATER, Oklahoma Barry Sanders is a throwback to a time when the campus football hero was the modest kid from next door, and size and recruiting did oot matter.

Sanders, the 5-foot-8-inch (1.7meter) junior tailback for Oklahona State University, was over-Loked by most college recruiters, is rarely seen at night except at a Bible study class, dislikes publicity and does oot want to win the Heis-

man Trophy. Despite his wishes, Sanders is a leading contender for the Heisman. He has set National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-A scoring records for a season with 35 touchdowns and 210 points, and with one game left he is within reach of the national Division I-A rushing record.

By rushing for 47 yards - 183 under his average — against Texas Tech. Sanders would break the record of 2,342 yards that Marcus Allen set in 1981 when he won the

### Texas A&M Tops Kival Texas by 4

The Associated Press AUSTIN, Texas - Darren Lewis ran for 212 yards and a touch-wn, and linebacker John Roper returned a blocked field goal 48 vards for another score as Texas A&M built a big early lead and then held off Texas 28-24 in a Thanksgiving Day college fontball

Texas, closing its worst season since 1956 with a 4-7 record, rallied from a 28-0 second-quarter deficit behiod quarterback Mark Murdock's three touchdown passes. Wayne Clemeots' 39-yard field goal cut the A&M lead to four

points in the fourth period. The victory enabled Texas A&M to finish its season 7-4.

Sanders will not be in New York ers said. when the 1988 Heisman recipient is named on Dec. 3. He will be in Tokyo for Oklahoma State's game against Texas Tech the oext day. anders admits he would rather play against a defense dedicated to denying him a record than be the subject of a ceremonial news conference at the Downtown Athletic Club in Manhattan.

He feels about interviews as he does about the Heisman. "I am a Christian, and Christians

do oot gloat or brag," he said. "I feel very awkward talking about myself. It seems like bragging. Indi-vidual awards call attention to vourself. Those closest to Sanders say he

has virtually no social life. He is an average student who spends most of his time practicing football, lifting weights, studying and resting. Sanders' favorite hangout is the weightroom. His muscular 197pound (89-kilogram) body is a tell-

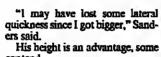
tale indication of his passioo for weight training and explains his ability to break tackles.

557 pounds. "That rates with the linemen," Schmidt added. "I was at Notre Dame and Nebraska before I came

Schmidt said Sanders has a vertical jump of 40 inches (about a meter). "I've oever seen anyone, any-where, who could do that,"

Schmidt said. Sanders is also uocommonly tough and durable. He has carried the ball 300 times this year and

been to the training room for treatment only once. Sanders is also exceptionally fast and elusive. His time in the 40-vard dash was 4.4 seconds when he enrolled at Oklahoma State weighing 175 in 1986.



contend. "He's so short but so strong and fast that he's almost impossible for one guy to tackle," Pat Jones, the

The University of Oklahoma coach, Barry Switzer, one of the first to endorse Sanders, said: "He's a phenomenal talent. He is quick and can make people miss him, and he can run over people in the open field. Oklahoma State didn't block us, and Sanders gained 215 yards on us. He can fly through a keyhole.'

But Switzer was among those who fumbled when it was time to recruit Sanders, one of 11 children growing up in Wichita, Kansas.

Switzer admitted his error: "We evaluated him and turned him down. He was awfully small and playing wingback when we saw

Sanders did oot play tailback until the fourth game of his senior season in high school.

bility to break tackles.

Bob Schepler, Sanders's first
Jerry Sehmidt, the team's high school coach, said: "I wanted streogth coach, said Sanders bench to play him at tailback, but his back, and Barry did oot want to compete against him."

Dale Burkholder, who coached Sanders as a senior, said: "I came here, and I never saw a kid in either into the system new, and the forof those programs who worked as hard as Sanders." mer staff recommended another tailback. I thought Barry was bettailback. I thought Barry was better, but when I asked him where he wanted to play, he said wingback. We called it slotback in our I-for-

After his team won only ooe of its first three games, Burkholder moved Sanders to tailback. He rushed for I,417 yards. By that time, most recruiters had written him off and did not see Sanders develop into a star.

when he attempted to convince recruiters of their oversight: "Wichita State is only 200 yards from the good."



Barry Sanders, galloping

Sanders home, and one of their we don't oeed an other midget.' Kansas and Kansas State were not interested."

Okłahoma State's interest was whetted when the assistant coach, George Walstad, saw a videotape of Sanders. Walstad admitted he was so fascinated that he kept the video two weeks "so other recruiters didn't have a chance to see it."

Jones said: "We thought of Sanders as just another name on the board — until he got here. In his first scrimmage as a freshman he made some impressive runs on our No. 1 defense. It was just a matter of days and we knew be was something special. We saw the Burkholder said he was rebuffed proof last year when be led the nation in kickoff returns. "But we had no idea he was this

# Saints Will Probe an Iffy Giants Defense

By Thomas George New York Times Service NEW YORK — "Oh, boy," said Jim Mora, the coach of the New Orleans Saints as be ruminated about Sunday's Naconal Fontball

companying the squad to Canada. Piccard's Calgary performance

Quittet is the top points hope.

Mair, ninth last season.

with Puthod.

League game with the New York

"Now, you know, the Giants are NFL PREVIEW

big and physical and mean," he added, "They're tough." The Giants, who are 7-5 this sea-

son, are also suspect. Their defense is iffy -23d in the league in total defense, 25th against the pass — and oo Sunday in New Orleans it will be challenged. The Saints, 9-3, may have beaten the Denver Broncos by 42-0 last Sunday, but the frightening thought for the Giants is that the young Saints seem likely to get even better.

The Saints throw short and run long. Their defense hits all day. Las Vegas odds-makers rate the Saints as 51/2-point favorites.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE Phoenix (7-5) at Philadelphia (7-5): Fontballs should fly in Veterans Stadium. J. T. Smith and Roy Green of the Cardinals, and Cris Carter and Keith Jackson of the Eagles are all dynamite receivers. Neil Lomax, who missed the last game with a knee injury, may play arterback for Phoenix If De Drew Hill in the final period falls does, he'll have to contend with the the Houston Oilers to a 25-17 goal trimmed the deficit to 17-13 menacing Reggie White, who leads Thanksgiving Day victory over the for the Oilers. Then Moon hit a the NFL with 124 sacks. Eagles by Dallas Cowboys, who suffered a third-down pass to Leonard Harris

Green Bay (2-10) at Chicago (10-2): Ho-hum. The Bears oeed incenWalker and Steve Pellner, gave the missed the extra point but kicked in the regular-season finale. Seattle tive. Here's some: they can clinch a Oilers a fright. Pelluer fooled them field goals of 47 and 22 yards:

by 3.

wild-card playoff spot with a vic- the league's No. 1 offense (392.2 land offense. Joe Gibbs, the Washtory. They also seem to be on their yards per game), but the Bills have way to a fifth consecutive NFC the AFC's No. 1 defense (270.9 Central title. Bears by 131/2. Tampa Bay (3-9) at Atlanta (4-8):

The Falcons have won three of their last four games. They are getting big plays from John Settle, a second-year free agent running back from Appalachian State. Their No. 1 pick, Aundray Bruce, a linebacker, was the NFC's defensive player of the week. Falcons by

AMERICAN CONFERENCE Miami (5-7) at New York Jets (5-

6-1): Remember the first one, when Dan Marino threw for 521 yards and Miami lost? Well, oeither team probably remembers much of anything lately. Both have three-game losing streaks. Both are dropping quickly out of sight in the playoff picture. Jets by 21/2.

Buffalo (11-1) at Cincinnati (9-3): Buffalo would gain the homefield advantage throughout the Bengals are 5-0 in Riverfroot Stadi-

um this season. The Bengals have more fun to watch than the Cleve-Dallas Falls to Oilers, 25-17 IRVING, Texas - Warreo around right to a touchdown from

Moon's five-yard scoring pass to three yards away for a 17-10 lead.

ninth consecutive loss. The Cowboys, behind Herschel game-wiooing drive. Zeodejas

ington coach, might be afraid to peek at his offense after the way the yards per game). Boomer Esiason and Jim Kelly rank 1-2 in the conball was picked off in the Redskins' loss to the 49ers Monday night. ference in passing. With all things equal, see if the Bengals' running Washington needs a victory badly. Redskins by 1. game surfaces. Under Coach Sam Wyche, the Bengals are 18-1 when Los Angeles Rams (7-5) at Denver (6-6): "I thought we had a pretthey rush for 200 or more yards. ty good football team, but we're playing careless football," said Bengals by 31/2. John Robinsoo, criticizing his Rams. Early in the season, while

New England (7-5) at Indianapolis (6-6): A critical game for Indianapolis, which, after a rough start this season, managed a surge only to find it could oot handle the big boys. Minnesota beat the Colts by 12-3 last Sunday, New England has won eight of the last nine in this

series, Colts by 5.

Kansas City (3-8-1) at Pittsburgh (2-10): The Chiefs went I-8-1 and then beat Cincinnati and Seattle. With four games left, they trail the division leaders by two and onehalf games. Playoffs? Steelers by 2. INTERCONFERENCE

Cleveland (7-5) at Washington

#### coach. "We're young but you can see the young kids making progress and ready to keep building. We wish the season could start over today." 49ers by 7.

MONDAY NICHT Los Angeles Raiders (6-6) at Seattle (6-6): Both teams are tied with Deriver for first place in the AFC West. Seattle has plenty to prove after losing to Kansas City. Whatever happens, it probably won't be to keep alive what proved to be the as important as the last act, their meeting in Los Angeles oo Dec. 18

others were heaping praise on his

team, Robiosoo would simply

smile and try to keep his players

focused. He said they were young,

were going to make mistakes, and

weren't as good as they thought they were. He was right, Much the

same could be said of the Broncos.

San Francisco (7-5) at San Diego

(4-8): Don't overlook the Chargers.

They are 2-0 against the 49ers in

San Diego and are fresh from

dumping the Rams 34-28. "We've

got 24 free agents on this team," said Al Saunders, the Chargers'

Odds-makers rate this game even.

EAST MEETS WEST — The Japanese great Chiyonofuji, right, pounds home a point to Konishiki, from Hawaii, in a match in Fukuoka, Japan. Chiyonofuji took his 50th straight victory and retains the second-longest winning streak in modern sumo history.

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# **SCOREBOARD**

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kicker. KANSAS CITY—Signed Curt OlG guard. SAN 01660—Cialmed Anthony Jones. Hight end, from walvers. Released Wilbur Strazier, Highl end. Walved Alvis Satele, line-

# **SIDELINES**

#### Auburn Rolls Over Alabama, 15-10

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (AP) - Ron Stallworth led Auburn's defense with four quarterback sacks, one for a safety, and Lawyer Tillman set up a touchdown with a 53-yard reception as the seventh-ranked college fnotball team defeated Alabama, 15-10. The victory over Alabama, ranked 17, is likely to send Auburn to the Sugar Bowl

postseason competition. The victory gave the Auburn Tigers a share of the Southeastern Conference championship with the No. 16 team, Louisiana State. Auburn is expected to face the No. 5 team, Florida State, on Jan. 2 in New ans. Louisiana State will head for the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa to

The victory was the sixth in a row for the Tigers, who closed their season at 10-1 overall and 6-1 in the conference.

## Polish Fencer Seeks Asylum in Bonn

BONN (AFP) — A leading Polish fencer, Piotr Jablkowski, has requested political asylum in West Germany. Jablkowski, 30, defected earlier this month while taking part in a World Cup tournament in the Netherlands, and West German officials on Friday confirmed that he had applied for asylum.

Fourth in the 1978 World Championships in Hamburg, Jablkowski was a member of Poland's silver medal-winning epec team at the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980. He is the third Polish lencer to seek refuge in West Germany in the last six months, following the defections earlier this year of Mariusz Strzalka and Robert Felisiak.

## 🚼 🗮 Dunlop Spurns McEnroe for Agassi

LONDON (AFP) — John McEnroe, the former top-ranked tennis pro-is losing his £1 million (\$1.8 million) contract with Dunlop. The British racket company, whose agreement with the American expires at the end of the year, is refusing to meet McEnroe's renewal terms. "Although John has given Dunlop great service over the years and helped sell our rackets, he's got an inflated value of his own worth now," said a company spokesman. Dunlop has already opened negotiations

#### with oew U.S. star, Andre Agassi. For the Record

Rund Gullit, the Dutch soccer star of Italian champion A.C. Milan, has strained his left thigh in a training session, and doctors said Friday he will be unable to play a crucial championship match against Napoli. (AP) Kevin Fallon, coach of New Zealand's national soccer team, has resigned, less than a month before his team begins World Cup qualifying

matches. He cited the New Zealand Soccer Association's financia

Pam Shriver, on Gabriela Sabatini: "If you want to cover her cros court forehand, you have to start running yesterday.'

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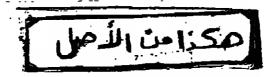
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## **POSTCARD**

# **Back to the Glory Days**

By Isabel Wilkerson New York Times Service

ETROIT — The neon lights

went on again at the grand old Fox Theatre last week, and one of the country's largest and gandiest remaining movie palaces re-opened amid hopes that it might hold the magic to turn Detroit

The theater, built 60 years ago by William Fox, founder of the film company that later became 20th Century-Fox, fell into disrepair in the 1950s, in a decline that mirrored the city's own. The roof leaked, the seats were torn, and decades of soot had cast a gray pall over its gold-leaf gargoyles. It went from first-run films and performers like Frank Sinatra and Diana Ross to rap concerts and kung fu movies.

Last year, the theater was bought by Michael Ilitch, a Detroit businessman who made his fortune on Little Caesars Pizza, a national restaurant chain. Ilitch was determined to revive the theater and the seedy blocks around it.

He also said he would move his company's headquarters from the northern suburb of Farmington Hills to office space above the theater next year, a coup for a troubled city often at odds with its affluent suburbs.

The \$35-million restoration is one of the most ambinous downtown development projects since the Renaissance Center hotel and shopping complex opened 11 years ago. People are hoping it will at-tract further development that will revive the central city in a way that

For months, workers have been restoring the old theater, washing the walls, reglazing the sculptures, varnishing the brass and copper doors, and coaxing out the coral and turquoise of the great faux-marbre columns. The lifeless city blocks around it got a face-lift, too, with new street lamps and brick pavement for Woodward Avenue, Detroit's weathered main street.

For the grand opening, a caravan of stretch limousines dropped off people in mink and black tie. The guests drank champagne next to leonine ice sculptures and stared at the ceiling of hand-carved gold leaf that seemed to glow in the dim light of the hall

Fox originally built the 5,000seat theater as the largest and grandest of what he envisioned as a string of fancy theaters around the country to showcase his movies. He ran out of money before he was able to complete them all.

With its hand-stenciled walls and velvet throne chairs. Detroit's Fox Theatre was a monument to pre-Depression excess. Fox's wife. Eve, dreamed up the theme, an amalgam of Far Eastern, Egyptian. and Babylonian icons and styles and she traveled the world collect-

ing artifacts for the theater.

"It's the most heavily ornamented theater that remains," said Ray Shephardson, a theater historian who oversaw the restoration. "It is typically American, having stolen from every conceivable architectural style and built a symphony of architecture that functions beautifully as a theater acoustically."

Doris McKenna, one of the original Fox Tillerettes, styled after the Rockettes, remembers it well. The other day, she went up on the stage where she used to high-kick. I walked out there, and it was like 60 years disappearing," she said.

KESTORED, the Fox oow looks like the Buddhist temples that inspired it, romantic and ing and larger than life with its 10-foot (3-meter) Chinese drag-ons and two-ton chandelier. "I didn't dream it could look this good," Ilitch said. "It's an overall celebration. It's thrilling to see something battered and abused re-

The gala reopening was sold out, and everybody had a story. Frank and Phyllis Marra of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, went to a movie at the Fox Theatre on their first date

39 years ago. He and other patrons remempered when people used to leave the Fox and go the stores and soda fountains that lined Woodward Avenue. In those days, he said, "you could run into friends just walking down the street."

Not any more. But people are hoping the resuscitated Fox will bring more people back. Marra, for one, is optimistic, "It looks even more spectacular than I remember "I feel like I'm in Europe," said one theatergoer, Susan Burke, "I came here as a child and took it for was and what it can be again."

# Raoul Felder and the Messy Divorce

By Howard Kurtz

Washington Prest Sertife
N EW YORK — Raoul Lionel Felder,
who charges (450 am hanne) Nwho charges \$450 an hour to guide wealthy celebrities through nasty divorces, considers himself something of an expert on the female psyche.

"A woman is like a Stradivarius violin," he says. "The humidity has to be right to play it. Otherwise, they'll throw in the

The bearded, soft-spoken attorney is a virtuoso when it comes to plucking this particular instrument, the grief-stricken wife. He does a few riffs on famous husbands as well. As his roster of rich clients has grown - Robin Givens, Lisa Gastineau, Nancy Capasso, Brian De Palma, Mrs. Frank Gifford, Mrs. Joseph Heller, Mrs. Carl Sagan, Mrs. Martin Scorsese, Mrs. Alan Jay Lerner, to name-drop a few - Felder has all but eclipsed Marvin Mitchelson as one of the most well-publicized matrimonial lawyers.

Felder, 54, scored a rare triple knockout last month when he took on Givens's 15round divorce against the heavyweight champion, Mike Tyson, One, Givens recruited him after dumping Mitchelson. Two, it was the first case for his newly formed "tricoastal" practice, a controversial alliance with attorneys in California Florida and New Jersey. Finally, it brought Felder a flood of new headlines, and he

announced a settlement in days. That was only the beginning Felder, who has never seen the actress in person, kept trading verbal blows with Tyson's California lawyer, and last week be filed a \$125 million libel suit against Tyson on Givens's behalf. Each day, Felder seemed to move closer to the center of the story. And that, say Felder's detractors, is typical of this sharp-tongued lawyer who employs his own public-relations man.

"He is the absolute best at a lot of things," says Robert Dobrish, a Manhattan lawyer who handles big-time divorces. "I don't think one of those is lawyering. Most of the lawyers who are good in this field relish the idea of going up against Felder."

But Felder's adversaries treat him gingerly, perhaps with good reason, Norman Sheresky, a New York lawyer, was recently quoted in a Miami newspaper as saying that Felder pretends to he a trial lawyer when he is not. He has oo familiarity with how to try a case." Felder hit Sheresky with a \$7 million libel suit.

Felder may be a tad defensive about his reputation, but he is comfortable with his persona, his nine-lawyer practice and his courtroom skills. "I am a crackerjack trial lawyer," he declares, "If there's no beef in the hamburger, they ain't gonna buy the

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Raoul Lionel Felder with clients Lisa Gastineau, left, and Nancy Capasso.

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He relishes opposing the blue-chip Manhattan firms, many of which have started matrimonial departments as the field has become increasingly lucrative.
"They're not equipped for it," Felder says.
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Felder makes no pretense about his love of money. He owns 350 suits. He keeps a gray Rolls-Royce uptown and a red Porsche downtown. He has one apartment on Fifth Avenue and another atop the Museum of Modern Art, along with a home in the Hamptons that he rarely visits. He loves to tell celebrity stories. One of

his favorite yarns is the tale of how he once bested the late Roy Cohn. It seems the wife of a prominent citizen was being forced to do "terrible things" by her new husband. Using a timing device, she captured one act in a Polaroid photo, which Felder blew up into a poster-size picture. When Cohn saw the poster, he settled the divorce. Pressed about the story, however, Felder is fuzzy on the details. The "terrible" thing does not sound so terrible, nor is it clear why it would be grounds for divorce for a married couple.

One reason Felder cherishes the odd cases, he says, is that many of his clients are dull. When the rich split up, he explains, they tend to engage in pointless disputes about who gets the country home, the Mercedes or the Picassos, even though there is a millionaire sewer contractor is now the

plenty of money to make both sides happy. Felder says the divorce business has been less fun since 1980, when New York joined many other states in making divorces easier to obtain and requiring that marital property be distributed equite Before that, he says, "Divorce had a fault element to it. In a sense you were contesting moral issues. Now we're a legion of accountants, dealing with depositions and real estate . . . You're no longer the champion for the client. You're a mechanic. If they're steamrollered by the system, you're an instrument of the system. But the new law, by putting more of a

been a boon to divorce specialists like Myrna Felder, his law partner and wife of 25 years, says her husband "has a great bedside manner. He has that wonderful ability to be very sensitive and supportive of people who are going through this very

wealthy husband's assets at risk, has also

difficult time. Some of Felder's famous clients give him rave reviews. Eleanor Revson, former wife of the cosmetics heir Martin Revson, credits Felder with winning her a share of the couple's \$6 million Fifth Avenue apartment. "He was very sympathetic and very sensitive," says Revson, who says she hired Felder after dropping batchelson.

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subject of the Bess Myerson divorce-fixing trial, says of Felder: "He was kind of divorce judge, Hortense Gabel, who is now on trial with Myerson. When Capasso

appealed her divorce, she rehired Felder. The Givens-Tyson melodrama has be-come the quintessential Felder case: butter, bombastic and big bucks. The public breakup had gone several rounds when Felder took over as the actress's strategist and spokesman. He called a news conference to announce an end to the hostilities.

Mindful of the perception of Givens as a money-hungry opportunist, Felder read a statement in which Givens renounced any part of Tyson's \$20 million fortune - even though, he said, Tyson's lawyers were about to offer her a "substantial" settlement. When reporters insisted Givens must have a hidden agenda, Felder declared: "She wants nothing from nothing, to use a New York phrase. Immediately, Felder found himself in

conflict with opposing counsel. "Felder called me and demanded \$8 million the day before she said she didn't want anything." says Howard Weitzman, Tyson's lawyer. This guy's running a campaign based on falsehoods. He's inclined to misrepresentation over and over again."

Felder professes astonishment at Weitzman's account. "I swear by my children, it's an absolute lie," he says. "I would have expected more from the guy, but I'm not

oing to rise to the bait."

Although the divorce battle bogged down in new disputes over who was entitled to what, many people congratulated Felder — wrongly, he says — for refurbishing the lattered Givens image. "Everyone said I did it, I planned it, I rehabilitated her, but it wasn't so," he says. "She really didn't want to make money on the mar-

One day after making those comments, Felder filed the \$125 million libel suit on Givens's behalf. Felder sees no inconsistency with Givens's earlier I-don't-want-adime stance, saying it is a question of protecting her "personal dignity." The day after the lawsuit, however, he came up with a new line. This \$125 million, she's not gonna keep, Felder says. "She's gonna donate it to charity." To mention this earlier, he says, would have been "in poor

As for the less than tasteful suggestion that he might be making a quick buck on the 23-year-old starlet, Felder is reassuring. We are going to be extremely modest in whatever the legal hills are here," be says.

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Ringo Starr, 48, the drummer for the Beatles, vowed he would oever drink again as he and his wife, the actress Barbara Bach, returned to London from an alcoholism clinic in the United States. "I feel a lot better than I have for ages." Starr said. "I haven't had a drink for 45 days. That's amazing for me.

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